A scenic landscape featuring a valley shrouded in mist or fog. The foreground is filled with trees displaying vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, red, and yellow. In the background, a dark, forested ridge or mountain range is visible under a clear blue sky. The overall atmosphere is serene and picturesque.

2017

**ANNUAL  
REPORT**

**TOWN OF  
NEWBURY  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



*Snow Day.*  
*Photo Courtesy Dennis Pavlicek*

**Annual Report**  
**of the**  
**Selectboard, Treasurer and other Town Officers**  
**for the**  
**Town of Newbury**  
**New Hampshire**



*Holiday Decorations in Town.  
Photo Courtesy Maureen Rosen*

**For**  
**the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2017**  
**with**  
**Vital Statistics for the year 2017**

*Cover photo – Clouds between Lake Sunapee and Mount Sunapee  
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

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Design, layout and production by Pam Bryk  
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**Town Officers**

**Selectboard\***

Edward Thorson, chair, term expires 2020  
Russell Smith, term expires 2018  
Joy Nowell, term expires 2019

**Town Administrator\*\***

Dennis J. Pavlicek

**Moderator\***

Nancy Marashio, term expires 2018

**Assistant Moderator**

Robert Hemenway  
Steve Winter

**Representative to the General Court**

Karen Ebel  
Daniel H. Wolf

**Town Clerk and Tax Collector\***

Linda Plunkett, term expires 2018

**Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector\*\***

Martha von Redlich  
Angela Monahan

**Treasurer\***

Jennifer Goin, term expires 2020

**Deputy Treasurer\*\***

Debbie Johnson

**Trustees of Trust Funds\***

Clayton Johnson, term expires 2019  
Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2020

**Library Trustees\***

Pat Sherman, term expires 2020  
Doug Cooper, term expires 2019  
Ken Tentarelli, term expires 2019  
Lynne Tuohy, term expires 2018  
Lisa Correa, term expires 2018

**Newbury Member**

**Kearsarge Regional School Board\***

Robin Parkhurst, term expires 2018

**Newbury Member**  
**KRSD Municipal Budget Committee\***  
Robert Hemenway, term expires 2018

**Supervisors of the Checklist\***  
Al Bachelder, term expires 2021  
Clayton Johnson, term expires 2019  
Sue Russell, term expires 2023

**Cemetery Trustees\***  
Paul Riley, chair, term expires 2019  
William Weiler, term expires 2018  
Deane Geddes, term expires 2020

**Planning Board\***  
Bruce Healey, chair, term expires 2018  
Ron Williams, term expires 2020  
William Weiler, term expires 2019  
Michael Beaton, term expires 2019  
Deane Geddes, term expires 2018  
Russell Smith, selectboard, ex-officio  
Richard Wright, alternate, term expires 2018

**Zoning Board of Adjustment\***  
Peter Fichter, chair, term expires 2018  
Dave Blohm, term expires 2020  
Nancy Marashio, term expires 2019  
Gary Budd, term expires 2019  
Reed Gelzer, alternate, term expires 2019  
Alex Azodi, alternate, term expires 2020  
Hank Thomas, alternate, term expires 2019

**Conservation Commission\*\***  
Katheryn Holmes, chair, term expires 2018  
Eric Unger, vice-chair, term expires 2018  
Bob Stewart, term expires 2018  
Sue Russell, term expires 2019  
Steve Russell, alternate, term expires 2020

**Chief of Police\*\***  
Bradley Wheeler

**Chief of Fire Department\*\***  
Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

**Officer of Emergency Management\*\***  
Wayne R. Whitford

**Health Officer\*\***  
Wayne R. Whitford

**Code Enforcement Officer\*\***

Jack Shephard

**Highway Administrator\*\***

Calvin Prussman, Jr.

**Family Services Director\*\***

Gail Bostic

**Inspectors of Election/Ballot Clerks\*\***

Doris Newell

Cindy Peterson

Claire Thomas

Jane Moss

Margo Steeves

Vincent Marzelli

Steve Russell, alternate

Mike Moss, alternate

**Forest Fire Warden\*\*\***

Dave Smith

**Deputy Forest Fire Wardens\*\*\***

Michael Bascom

John G. Croteau

Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

Ed Thorson

\* Elected at Town Meeting

\*\* Appointed by Selectboard

\*\*\* State appointment

## **Newbury Poet Laureate**

My first year as Newbury's Poet Laureate has been busy and exciting. The John Hay Poetry Society continues to meet on the second Monday of the month at the Newbury Library. It is a welcoming, poetry-loving crowd. Every April (Poetry Month) I invite a visiting poet to join us in Newbury. Last April, we enjoyed hearing Lisa Starr, former Poet Laureate of Rhode Island, read her moving poetry. This year, Chard di Nord, Poet Laureate of Vermont, will read and sign his books on April 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and it's free.

The *Intertown Record* has a newly established section titled Poetry Page and I submit poems from The John Hay Poetry Society, and other poetry fans, on a monthly basis. The page has been splendidly received and I look forward to pouring over each submission. Poetry is alive and thriving in Newbury!

As a member of the Literary Guild of The Center for the Arts, I matched the John Hay poets and poems with artists and paintings about The Fells. The result was a celebration gathering and poetry reading at The Fells. The final product is a gorgeous book, titled *Visual Verse*, which combines the artwork and poems. The book is a special tribute to all Newbury has to offer and it is available at local bookstores.

Newbury became the hub of poetry when we celebrated The Center for the Arts poetry contest winners at the Town Offices last April. The poetry contest is held every year and sponsored by the Literary Guild of the Center for the Arts. Chard di Nord will be this year's judge and the theme for the contest is "Poetry: A Communion with Nature." Come celebrate and hear the poets read their winning poems at Town Offices on April 6, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Newbury continues to celebrate poetry. The Newbury Selectboard approved my proposal on July 24, 2017 to transform the path between the Library and the Velie Memorial Playground into a Poetry Path. The project will feature plaques placed along the path that contain poems of past Poet Laureates of New Hampshire. Donald Hall, Poet Laureate of New Hampshire from 1995 to 1999, and Poet Laureate of the United States from 2006 to 2007, has become the first poet to approve the use of one of his poems for this purpose. The project will require donated funds from businesses, residents and friends. With the help of Nancy Marashio, Town Moderator, and Lea McBain, Director of our Library, we are well on our way to making this a reality.

*Dianalee Velie*  
*Poet Laureate*

## **NEWBURY SNOWFALL**

*for Doug and Patsy King*

Snow falls gently at dawn,  
kissing the earth like a tender lover,  
wrapping her in a downy duvet  
of soft, fluffy, white powder.

Newly buried in snow, tucked  
between towering mountain  
and tranquil lake, Newbury sparkles  
with children's laughter  
on this stay at home school day.

In this whirlwind of winter,  
town and state employees  
plow our streets for the safety  
of locals and visiting skiers.

They will go home  
tonight at sunset, as the storm  
heads further north, and  
the sky, now a dance  
of blue and pink, turns  
the mountain into a purple peak.

One of them will kiss his wife,  
relax over dinner and then,  
together in silence,  
like the mountain and the lake,  
they will recapture the day  
in poems.

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## **Community**

*We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community... Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own.*  
- Cesar Chavez

We are blessed to live in a town that actively honors its foundation of community. Each year, we witness evidence of just how strong a commitment Newbury has to maintaining and strengthening its core values of governmental transparency, resident support, conservation of the town's natural beauty, and responsible accommodation of growth.

In short, Newbury is a small town that works together as a community. Our Selectboard, land use boards and commissions, and dozens of volunteer committees combine efforts that result in a town built on a unique blend of livability, rural character, and structured growth.

In Newbury, we engage in open conversations about differences with respect for all opinions and work through the conversations for the betterment of the community. That "open approach to all" is what makes a small town productive and healthy. Year after year, Newbury welcomes people who are willing to come together and figure out the right way to move forward that will benefit all. Behind every effort is an authentic belief in the process of open dialog with an eye on the prize – a community that is a happy and safe place in which to live, work and play.

At the core of our town is an army of volunteers who are very involved in the short - mid - and long-term challenges facing Newbury. Day after day, week after week, and month after month, these residents quietly offer their time, expertise and humanity to ensure that Newbury remains the special place that it is. We care about our neighbors, work hard to ensure that everyone thrives, and make sure that the legacy we leave is one of sustained community.

We also embrace those who visit our town, vacation here, and who have second homes in our community. We know why they come - we are a welcoming environment with a host of outdoor recreation opportunities and cultural experiences. This is our town. This is our community. Truly, we are the lucky ones.

*Pam Bryk*  
*Administrative Assistant*

## Newbury Selectboard

The Newbury Selectboard meets in public session in the Town Office meeting room every other Monday at 6:00 p.m. The agenda for each meeting is posted at the Town Office building, the transfer station, and on the town website ([www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org)) on the Friday before the scheduled Monday meeting. In 2017, the Selectboard met 27 times in public meetings, including the Summer Informational Meeting in August.

The three-member Selectboard conducts the daily business of the town, with the knowledgeable assistance of Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator. The Board continuously keeps abreast of the proposed legislation that will affect towns like ours. We thank the New Hampshire Municipal Association for providing us with these updates on legislative information. With that in mind, following is a list of highlights from what turned out to be a very busy year.

### Personnel Changes

Newbury welcomed Bradley Wheeler as the new Police Chief following Robert Lee's resignation. Brad has been doing a fantastic job since accepting his new role. He has many new ideas for increased community outreach and involvement. Brad is committed to incorporating strategies for more community presence for the police department. If you have any ideas for improved police/community interaction, please contact the Police Department at 763-4104.

The Newbury Recreation Department has a new Director following the departure of Travis Dezotell. Rosie Johnson joined our team as the Recreation Director and she has been working hard at planning an activity-packed schedule for 2018. Rosie also revived the Recreation Committee as part of her overall community outreach efforts. If you are interested in being involved with the committee, or have ideas for possible programs, please contact Rosie at the Town Office 763-4940 ext. 210.

### Safety Services Building

After an affirmative vote at Town Meeting in March 2017, the Selectboard hired Resilience Planning & Design as a facilitator to hold a series of public meetings seeking input regarding a new safety services building in Newbury. Meetings were well attended by residents and we received a lot of very good input. As a result, the Selectboard made the decision to move forward with plans for a fire station facility. We have also developed a preliminary plan for converting the existing safety services building into a police department building / storage facility. This conversion plan would be a future project.



*Visitors at the Newbury Information Booth.  
Photo Courtesy Kris McAllister*

The Selectboard fully supports a new fire station. We believe it is time to provide our fire personnel with a safe and usable facility that will meet their needs for the next 30 to 50 years. As the economy continues to improve, we are faced with increasing costs for construction. Likewise, it is probable that our current low interest rates will begin to climb in the future. We believe that now is the appropriate time to make a fiscal commitment to this project. The need is clear. Postponing this project will only result in dramatically higher costs in the future.

### **Wild Goose Boat Launch Project**

The Selectboard remains fully involved in the ongoing discussions surrounding the proposed Wild Goose Boat Launch Project. We remain busy giving testimony to the Lake Sunapee Public Boat Access Development Commission, a state group commissioned by the Governor to assess the various issues and opinions surrounding the installation of another public boat ramp on Lake Sunapee.

The Selectboard's concerns surround the safety of the Wild Goose location as the designated boat launch site selected by NH Fish & Game. Multiple studies have clearly indicated the significant safety issues of the Route 103 ingress and egress from the proposed site.

### **Highway Department**

The Newbury Highway Department continues to meet the ongoing challenges posed by the unusually rainy weather throughout 2017. Town roads required a fair amount of repairs following washouts and heavy stormwater sheeting.

### **A Word of Thanks**

The Selectboard wishes to thank every town employee, all town Board and committee members, and every volunteer who devotes his/her time and efforts to ensuring that Newbury remains the special place it is.

*Ed Thorson, Chair  
Russell Smith and Joy Nowell*



*Future vision of Town Center.  
Photo Courtesy Peter Tennant*

## Town Administrator

Newbury enjoyed a strong economy throughout 2017, due, in part, to a record level in vehicle registrations and building permits. We expect this trend to continue in 2018, which should help to keep the property tax rate stable.

### The Year in Review

2017 was a busy and productive year, as outlined in the following highlights:

- The town website ([www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org)) was revamped in the spring. The goal was to improve navigation and information access. Please give us your feedback – we are always interested in how we can make it better.
- Our property assessing software is also undergoing an update. The new software (Avitar) will replace the existing software (Vision). Newbury joins Sunapee and New London in making this change. After extensive research, the tri-towns agreed that Avitar is less expensive and more user-friendly than trying to update the existing software.
- A new Ford Explorer joined the fleet at the Police Department and the old cruiser was sold at auction. Police Chief Brad Wheeler confirms that a new cruiser will not be needed in 2018.
- During the summer, the Highway Department made repairs and renovations to the second and third bridges on Mountain Road. There was minimal interruption to traffic and our thanks goes out to the Highway Department for getting it done so quickly.
- At Town Meeting in March 2017, the Town voted to spend \$15,000 to find a facilitator regarding a proposed new safety services building. Resilience Planning & Design was hired and they conducted a number of public meetings aimed at gathering resident opinions and feedback. The meetings surfaced a lot of good information and feedback and we used these findings as the foundation for Warrant Article #4 that will appear before you this year at Town Meeting.
- At Town Meeting in March 2017, the Town voted to spend \$50,000 to hire an architect to consider a building expansion for the library. This process has moved forward and continues in 2018.
- Newbury Harbor underwent an improvement in 2017. A stationary bicycle was added to the existing outdoor exercise equipment on site, allowing visitors the opportunity to get their exercise without leaving the beauty of the harbor. Our thanks to Rosie Johnson, Recreation Director, for spearheading this project.
- 2017 witnessed the arrival of some new faces in town and familiar faces into new roles. First, we want to congratulate Bradley Wheeler on his promotion to Newbury Police Chief. Brad is doing an exceptional job and we are glad to have him on board as the town's Police Chief. Second, we welcome back Rosie Johnson as our Recreation Director. Rosie has jumped right in and has kept our residents busy with new programs and trips. Third, we have a new Assessing and Land Use Coordinator, Tiffany Favreau. Tiffany is a great addition to our office staff. Fourth, Jack Shephard has come aboard as our Code Enforcement Officer. Welcome to Newbury, Jack.
- The town office staff participated in the Governors Challenge for Physical Fitness. Just to make it interesting, we held a friendly competition against our neighboring two towns – New London and Sunapee. We all thought we might become discombobulated from the pressure, but we banded together as a team, put our best foot forward, and claimed victory!

### 2018 Budget

Once again, I want to thank the Selectboard, the Budget Committee, Pam Bryk, Administrative Assistant, and Debbie Prussman, Finance Director, for their assistance in preparing the 2018 budget. At the end of fiscal year 2017 (December 31, 2017), our net assets increased and we had no general fund long term debt. This is highly unusual for municipalities in New Hampshire.

## **Warrant Articles**

Warrant Article #2 is on the official ballot and asks the Town if they want to allow the operation of Keno games within the Town. There will be no cost to the Town if this is approved and local businesses will operate them. Furthermore, the Town will not receive any monies from Keno games, but a portion of the funds would go to the State to finance kindergartens throughout the State.

Warrant Article #4 asks the Town if they want to appropriate \$3,600,000 for the design, construction and original equipping of a new Fire Department Building. We currently have no long term debt in the Town of Newbury because we have finished paying off the Highway Garage and the Town Office addition. Interest rates are still low, but they are predicted to increase in 2018. If the article passes, there will be no payment necessary for fiscal year 2018. Repayment of the long term debt would commence in fiscal year 2019.

Warrant Article #5 is the article pertaining to the budget. It shows an increase of \$64,490. The major changes to the budget are increased election costs due to increased number of elections, higher financial administration costs for software support and staff time in the Town Clerk Office and the Selectboard office. Also, the Police Department is experiencing a rise in the number of hours worked by part time officers, and the Library has increasing operational expenditures.

Warrant Articles #6 and #7 are asking residents to add to the existing capital reserve and expendable trust funds. The amounts are determined during the annual planning process conducted by the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Committee. This annual process is an integral part of keeping our tax rate stable.

Warrant Article #8 is to see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$63,408 for the purchase of a one-ton truck with dump body, plow and sander. The Article will be offset by \$18,000 which represents the trade-in of the 2011 one-ton pickup, and \$45,408 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Warrant Article #9 is a housekeeping article that transfers the sale of lots into the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund.

Warrant Article #10 is an article to adopt the All Veterans Tax Credit in the amount of \$500 – the same amount as the existing Veteran's Tax Credit. It will allow all Veterans to receive the tax credit regardless of when they served, per NH RSA 72:28-b.

Warrant Article #11 authorizes the Town to change the purpose of the existing RSA 31:19-a Paving Expendable Trust Fund to the new RSA 31:19-a Expendable Trust Fund for Highway Maintenance, which can then be utilized for paving and gravel materials. The Town does not expect to place more than \$300,000 in the fund at any time and the monies will be used for emergency repairs and increased costs for those supplies if the budget amounts need to be supplemented. A 2/3 vote is required to change the purpose per the RSA.

Warrant Article #12 appropriates funds for a new 2018 Ford Explorer Fire Department Command Vehicle equipped with radio, lighting and striping. This article will be offset by \$5,000 which represents the trade-in of the 2010 Fire Command Vehicle, and \$30,100 from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Warrant Article #13 is a petitioned article to accept the rest of Meadow Road and all of Woodbine Road as town-maintained roads. Subject to approval of the Selectboard.

**If all the recommended articles pass there will be a decrease of two cents in the 2018 town tax rate from 2017.** Our tax rate for the Town portion has been stable for a number of years.

### **A Thank You**

I want to personally thank the people I work with who make my job so much easier, especially the town office staff who always exhibit a quiet professionalism, grace and humor with every challenge: Debbie Prussman, Pam Bryk, Tiffany Favreau, Angela Monahan, Meg Whittemore, Donna Long and Linda Plunkett. Newbury is very fortunate to have such a dedicated and capable group of professionals.

As always, thanks again to all of our employees and officials of the town who devote their time, talent and dedication to this community. Their collective efforts make Newbury the special place it is.

Please contact me with your ideas and suggestions on how your town can better serve the needs of its residents. If you would like to explore ways that you could be more involved, consider volunteering to serve on one of the many Town boards and/or committees. Our citizen volunteers are critical to us, so I hope you will consider volunteering in 2018.

*Dennis J. Pavlicek  
Town Administrator*



*Caboose tours on Old Home Day.  
Photo Courtesy Kris McAllister*

**Town Clerk  
Debits**

<b>Motor Vehicle Permits Issued.....</b>	<b>\$496,381.50</b>
<b>Dog Licenses Issued .....</b>	<b>3,730.00</b>
<b>UCC Filings .....</b>	<b>990.00</b>
<b>Boat Registrations .....</b>	<b>12,550.90</b>
<b>Vital Records.....</b>	<b>1,847.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous.....</b>	<b>297.38</b>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$515,796.78</b>

**Credits**

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**Treasurer  
General Fund 2017 Receipts**

Received from Tax Collector	\$ 12, 573, 191.10
Received from Town Clerk	\$ 510, 534.18
Received from Selectmen's Office	\$ 729, 069.06
Interest	\$ 16, 422.68
Total	\$ 13, 829, 217.02
Transfers to/from Investment Accounts	\$ 76, 381.60
Beginning Balance January 1, 2017	\$ 2, 631, 097.03
Total Receipts & Beginning Balance	\$ 16, 536, 695.65
Selectmen's Orders Paid	(\$ 13, 170, 900.08)
Balance on December 31, 2017	\$ 3, 365, 795.57

*Jennifer J. Goin  
Treasurer*

## Investment Accounts

### NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance January 1, 2017	\$ 1,286.53
Plus: Interest	\$ 11.93
Plus: Deposits	\$ 0.00
Less: Transfers	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2017	\$ 1,298.46

### Blodgett Sewer Money Market Account

Balance January 1, 2017	\$ 66,054.12
Plus: Deposits	\$ 0.00
Plus: Interest	\$ 613.60
Less: Transfers	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2017	\$ 66,667.72

### Conservation Commission

Balance January 1, 2017	\$ 118,376.52
Plus: Interest	\$ 1,055.42
Less: Transfers	\$ 33,459.33
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$ 27,603.03</u>
Balance December 31, 2017	\$ 113,575.64

### Recreation Revolving Fund

Balance January 1, 2017	\$ 13,134.48
Plus: Interest	\$ 15.32
Less: Transfers	\$ 0.00
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$ 13,740.50</u>
Balance December 31, 2017	\$ 26,890.30

### Lake Sunapee Savings Account

Balance January 1, 2017	\$ 1,001,217.18
Plus: Interest	\$ 1,493.49
Less: Transfers	\$ 375,000.00
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2017	\$ 627,710.67



Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Newbury, NH  
December 31, 2017

DATE OF FUND CREATION	TRUST NAME	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	% OF TOTAL	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				GRAND TOTAL 12/31/17			
					2017 TOTALS				2017 TOTALS							
					BALANCE 01/01/17	NEW FUNDS	GAIN/LOSS	EXPEND	BALANCE 01/01/17	GROSS INCOME	MGMT FEES	EXPENDED DURING YEAR		BALANCE 12/31/17		
<b>CEMETERY FUNDS:</b>																
Various	Various Cemetery Fund Names	Perpetual Care	Stocks & Bonds	2.43%	15,465.22	-	(95.07)	0.00	15,370.15	21,454.06	868.69	(295.40)	-	22,027.35	37,397.50	
<b>Total Cemetery Funds:</b>					2.43%	15,465.22	-	(95.07)	0.00	15,370.15	21,454.06	868.69	(295.40)	-	22,027.35	37,397.50
<b>LIBRARY FUNDS:</b>																
1954	Jennie J. Folsom	Library	Stocks & Bonds	0.20%	2,997.70	-	(7.72)	-	2,989.99	42.42	70.77	(24.15)	(42.42)	46.61	3,036.60	
1966	Shirley Powers	Library	Stocks & Bonds	0.07%	1,001.72	-	(2.58)	-	999.14	14.18	23.65	(8.07)	(14.18)	15.58	1,014.72	
2000	Patricia W. Steinfeld	Library	Stocks & Bonds	1.03%	15,618.80	-	(40.21)	-	15,578.59	221.04	368.70	(125.84)	(221.04)	242.87	15,821.45	
2002	White Library Fund	Library	Stocks & Bonds	0.31%	4,758.16	-	(12.25)	-	4,745.91	67.34	112.32	(38.33)	(67.34)	73.99	4,819.90	
2004	Marion Smith Fund	Library	Stocks & Bonds	2.06%	31,359.81	-	(80.74)	-	31,279.07	443.81	740.29	(252.66)	(443.81)	487.64	31,766.70	
2006	Perkins Library Fund	Library	Stocks & Bonds	2.06%	31,309.76	-	(80.62)	-	31,229.15	443.10	739.11	(252.25)	(443.10)	486.86	31,716.01	
<b>Total Library Funds:</b>					5.73%	87,045.96	-	(224.12)	-	86,821.84	1,231.89	2,054.85	(701.30)	(1,231.89)	1,353.54	88,175.38
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:</b>																
1962	Town of Newbury	Highway Equip	Money Market	13.37%	104,297.21	100,000.00	(3.64)	-	204,293.57	467.94	1,520.44	(517.04)	-	1,471.34	205,764.92	
1971	Town of Newbury	Fire Equip	Money Market	29.30%	446,187.71	-	(15.55)	-	446,172.16	1,610.41	4,959.62	(1,783.98)	-	4,786.06	450,958.22	
1984	Town of Newbury	Safety Service Buildings	Money Market	0.81%	10,097.60	-	(0.43)	-	10,097.17	2,325.77	137.60	(49.49)	-	2,413.88	12,511.04	
1993	Town of Newbury	Ambulance Fund	Money Market	3.16%	44,499.08	-	(1.67)	-	44,497.40	3,737.26	534.25	(192.17)	-	4,079.33	48,576.73	
1996	Town of Newbury	Recreational Facility	Money Market	2.18%	21,307.38	11,000.00	(0.78)	-	32,306.60	1,035.71	287.07	(99.98)	-	1,222.81	33,529.42	
1997	Town of Newbury	Bridges	Money Market	0.03%	408.72	-	(0.11)	-	408.70	1.33	4.54	(1.63)	-	4.24	412.94	
<b>Total Capital Reserve Funds:</b>					48.85%	626,797.69	111,000.00	(22.08)	-	737,775.61	9,178.43	7,443.52	(2,644.29)	-	13,977.66	751,753.27
<b>GENERAL TRUST FUNDS:</b>																
1977	Town of Newbury	Deck Repairs	Money Market	7.07%	98,551.52	12,000.00	(3.43)	(2,868.80)	107,679.28	353.12	1,138.64	(405.98)	-	1,085.78	108,765.06	
1984	Town of Newbury	Town Bldgs	Money Market	4.75%	52,382.43	20,000.00	(1.83)	-	72,380.60	347.77	656.04	(210.00)	-	773.81	73,154.41	
1995	Town of Newbury	Office Equip	Money Market	0.96%	27,236.69	6,000.00	(0.95)	(18,794.60)	14,441.14	99.98	324.38	(114.89)	-	309.47	14,750.61	
2002	Town of Newbury	Milfill	Money Market	0.20%	3,079.50	5,000.00	(0.11)	(5,000.00)	3,079.39	15.66	52.29	(17.31)	-	50.63	3,130.03	
2004	Town of Newbury	Cemetery Maint	Money Market	0.76%	14,897.19	800.00	(0.52)	(4,100.00)	11,596.67	59.78	168.54	(60.38)	-	167.93	11,764.60	
2006	Town of Newbury	Fire Dept - PPE	Money Market	14.51%	110,003.74	110,000.00	(3.90)	-	219,999.84	2,262.26	1,639.53	(556.89)	-	3,344.90	223,344.74	
2014	Town of Newbury	Paving Fund	Money Market	14.73%	150,001.63	75,000.00	(5.22)	-	224,996.40	445.19	1,936.37	(674.11)	-	1,707.44	226,703.85	
<b>Total General Trust Funds:</b>					42.99%	456,152.70	228,800.00	(15.96)	(30,765.40)	654,173.34	3,583.76	5,915.77	(2,050.57)	-	7,439.96	661,613.30
<b>GRAND TOTALS:</b>					100%	1,185,461.57	339,800.00	(357.23)	(30,765.40)	1,494,140.94	35,448.14	16,282.83	(5,700.50)	(1,231.89)	44,798.51	1,538,939.45



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Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2016	Year: 2015	Year: Prior	
Property Taxes	3110		\$403,163.80			
Sewer Taxes	3180		\$32,728.35			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		\$4,700.00			
Yield Taxes	3185		\$5,495.28			
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189		\$87.41			
Property Tax Credit Balance ?						
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?						
Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies			
			2016			
Property Taxes	3110	\$11,472,033.00				
Sewer Taxes	3180	\$273,024.00				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$50,590.00				
Yield Taxes	3185	\$4,801.32				
Excavation Tax	3187	\$98.80				
Other Taxes	3189	\$1,086.00				
-						
Add Line						
Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies			
			2016	2015	Prior	
Property Taxes	3110	\$39,610.00	\$1,681.18			
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
-	Overpayments not refunded	\$775,969.27				
-	Insufficient Funds Fee		\$25.00			
Add Line						
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$6,739.09	\$26,055.59			
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190					
<b>Total Debits</b>		<b>\$12,623,951.48</b>	<b>\$473,936.61</b>			



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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2016	Prior Levies 2015	Prior
Property Taxes	\$11,910,595.26	\$404,844.98		
Sewer Taxes	\$252,285.88	\$32,728.35		
Land Use Change Taxes	\$46,590.00	\$4,700.00		
Yield Taxes	\$4,155.75	\$5,495.28		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$7,825.09	\$26,093.00		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax	\$98.80			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Funds Fee		\$75.00		
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Discounts Allowed				
Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2016	Prior Levies 2015	Prior
Property Taxes	\$49.00			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Current Levy Deeded	\$1,440.00			



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080		Levy for Year of this Report	2016	Prior Levies 2015	Prior
Property	Taxes	\$375,528.01			
Sewer Taxes		\$20,738.12			
Land Use Change Taxes		\$4,000.00			
Yield Taxes		\$645.57			
Excavation Tax					
Other Taxes					
Property Tax Credit Balance	?				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance	?				
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>\$12,623,951.48</b>	<b>\$473,936.61</b>		



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Summary of Debits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2016	Year: 2015	Year: Prior
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$107,472.21	\$63,933.41	\$7,545.55
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$175,021.95			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$3,053.08	\$12,929.05	\$23,762.10	\$4,646.63
- Research Costs	\$1,585.00	\$882.00	\$411.68	\$54.50
Add Line				
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$179,660.03</b>	<b>\$121,283.26</b>	<b>\$88,107.19</b>	<b>\$12,246.68</b>

Summary of Credits				
	Last Year's Levy	2016	Prior Levies	
			2015	Prior
Redemptions	\$74,622.56	\$69,453.10	\$62,351.91	\$7,545.55
-				
Add Line				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$3,841.08	\$13,443.30	\$24,173.78	\$4,701.13
- Undredeemed Costs	\$767.00	\$320.25		
Add Line				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$3,325.99	\$2,970.18	\$1,581.50	
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$97,103.40	\$35,096.43		
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$179,660.03</b>	<b>\$121,283.26</b>	<b>\$88,107.19</b>	<b>\$12,246.68</b>

## Newbury Assessor's Office

First, I would like to mention that Patricia Sweet-MacDonald has moved away. She is missed by all and we thank her for all her hard work, knowledge and dedication to her job. With that said, we are very lucky to have Tiffany Favreau join us here in Newbury as Land Use & Assessing Coordinator. Tiffany comes to us from the Claremont Assessor's office where she also assisted the legal department as a paralegal. I am sure that will help her immensely in her new role. She also supports the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

We are now a full year out from the 2016 revaluation. As a result, we ended up with 15 abatement requests of over 2,500 properties. They were dealt with and we have no Superior Court or Board of Tax and Land Appeals moving forward. This past year, we settled very favorably a case involving Fairpoint Communications. They have been engaged in litigation with most communities in the state for some time now. Moving forward, there is a new law which is meant to stop those appeals and have consistent assessments.

The next revaluation will take place in 2021, barring any unforeseen interim adjustments in neighborhoods or various strata (residential, commercial, waterfront etc.). To date, our statistics (post revaluation) are performing very well. Any taxpayer wishing to appeal their most recent assessment is required to do so by March 1, 2018. As always, we are available to discuss your assessment, review your property on site, or explain any exemptions or credits you may be entitled to under the law.



*Old Home Day Boat Rides given by Norm.  
Photo Courtesy Kris McAllister*

I should also mention we will be converting our assessment software from Vision Appraisal to Avitar. Staff will be busy re-sketching all buildings within the town to implement into the new software. We think the new software will allow us to produce a more transparent product for the taxpayer. This is no small undertaking and the staff is willing and ready to take it on.

We also ask that you visit our website [www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org) and proceed to the assessing department where there is ample information to help you understand the assessing process, or to view all the publicly available data.

We would like to thank Tiffany Favreau for her hard work and dedication which enables us to deliver a superior assessment program. We would also like to thank the entire office staff of the Town of Newbury for their support, along with the Selectboard. Lastly, thank you to the taxpayers of Newbury for making Newbury what it is – a great place to work.

*Normand G. Bernaiche, Chief Assessor  
Kristen McAllister, Assessor*

**Summary Inventory of Valuation  
2017 Assessed Valuation**

<b>Value of Land Only</b>			
	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Valuation</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Current Use	11,970	\$718,931	
Residential	5,345	\$375,070,294	
Commercial/Industrial	1,605	\$8,603,460	
Farm Land	2	\$654	
Total of Land	18,922		<b>\$384,393,339</b>
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	2,669	(\$35,419,344)	
<b>Value of Buildings Only</b>			
Residential		\$324,156,592	
Manufactured Housing		\$328,900	
Commercial/Industrial		\$20,960,200	
Farm Structures	12	\$87,300	
Total of Buildings			<b>\$345,532,992</b>
Tax Exempt & Non Taxable		(\$13,516,100)	
<b>Public Utilities</b>			
Electric			<b>\$4,709,600</b>
Water			
<b>Valuation Before Exemptions</b>			<b>\$734,635,931</b>
Blind Exemptions (Number: 0)		\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Elderly/Disabled Exemptions (Number: 5)		\$330,000	<b>\$330,000</b>
Wood Heating/Wind/Solar Exemptions (Number: 13)		\$70,000	<b>\$70,000</b>
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			<b>\$400,000</b>
<b>Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is Computed</b>			<b>\$734,235,931</b>
<b>Revenues Received From Payments in Lieu of Taxes</b>		\$26,000	
State and Federal Forest Land Recreation and/or Flood Control Land		\$425	

## Tax Credit

	<b>Limit</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Tax Credit</b>
Totally and Permanently Disabled	\$2,000	6	\$12,000
Veterans, Spouses and Widows	\$500	118	\$59,000
Total War Service Credits		124	\$71,000



*A beautiful summer afternoon at Newbury Harbor.  
Photo Courtesy Dennis Pavlicek*

## Inventory of Town Property

Location	Assessed Value	Use
Newbury Traffic Circle	\$ 31,800	Cemetery
365 Bowles Road	2,600,100	Sewer treatment lagoons
Chestnut Road	1,700	Vacant land
Park 10 Road	1,800	Vacant land
937 Route 103	937,700	Town Office/Library
Route 103A	437,500	Lakeside Cemetery
Off Route 103	1,100	Old Railroad Bed
952 Route 103	768,600	Safety Services Building
967 Route 103	719,800	Parking and Docks
977 Route 103	739,200	Beach/Train Station
Route 103	1,275,900	Information Booth/Caboose
Lakeview Avenue	17,700	Vacant land
Stoney Brook Road	20,500	Bean Cemetery
Baker Hill Road	23,800	Baker Hill Cemetery
Off Chalk Pond Road	500	Vacant land
Chalk Pond Road	34,900	Vacant land
Blodgett Brook Road	33,900	Vacant land
Old County Road South	17,400	Vacant land
Bartlett Road	38,100	Vacant land
Off Province Road	30,100	Cemetery
Old Post Road	582,000	Fishersfield Park
Route 103	6,800	Vacant land
Route 103/Colburn Farm Road	4,800	Vacant land
Mountain Road/Route 103	46,800	Vacant land
Newell Road	29,800	Marshall Cemetery
Pleasant View/South Roads	32,900	Booth Sherman Cemetery
20 Sutton Road	170,200	Old Highway Shed
Sutton Road	1,000	Simon's Cemetery
Sutton Road	19,000	Vacant land
Pleasant View Road	13,800	Vacant land
Stone Wall Lane	4,300	Vacant land
44 Pine Street	95,400	Blodgett Fire Station
7 Sutton Road	109,200	Storage Shed
133 Village Road	320,300	Sherman Hall/Grange Hall
Southgate Road	13,900	Fire Pond
Washington Street	89,400	Town Park
Washington Street	89,400	Town Park
201 Old Post Road	123,900	Transfer Station
Brookside Road	29,100	Vacant land
33 Lake Avenue	192,300	Blodgett Docks
Skytop Drive	22,500	Vacant land
50 South Road	812,900	Highway Garage
Village Road	41,300	Vacant land
90 Gillingham Drive	395,000	Tax-Deeded
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,978,100</b>	

*Note: Vacant land includes dry hydrant locations, easements, retention ponds, etc.*

## Budget Committee

The Newbury Budget Committee is responsible for the preparation of the town budget and its attendant warrant articles for the ensuing fiscal year. The Committee meets bi-weekly, in public session, and as a portion of the regularly scheduled Selectboard meetings, from mid-October until the public hearing in February of the following year. It is comprised of the Selectboard, the Town Administrator, and three appointed Newbury residents.

The Committee reviews the individual line item budget proposals as submitted by each of the municipal heads, boards, trustees and commissions. In most cases, the department head or representative chairperson is present during the scheduled budget proposal and review session to provide clarity and rationale. During the procedure, the budget proposals undergo a comparative analysis with previous and current budgets. The proposals may or may not be adjusted by the consensus of the Committee.

A properly noticed public hearing on the 2018 proposed budget and warrant articles was held on February 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office. The final budget and warrant articles were then approved by the Selectboard for presentation at the annual Town Meeting.

If all warrant articles pass, the 2018 proposed budget and warrant articles will reflect a projected town tax rate of \$3.79, a decrease of \$.02 from the 2017 rate.

Thank you to all the department heads, boards, trustees and commissions for your thoughtful and thorough budget presentations.

The Budget Committee hereby recommends the passage of the proposed 2018 budget, and all attending warrant articles, as submitted by the Selectboard.

*Ed Thorson, Russell Smith, Joy Nowell, Newbury Selectboard  
Dennis J. Pavlicek, Town Administrator  
Christine McDaniels, Allison Kinsman, Ivor Freeman, At-Large Members*



*A quiet summer night at the town docks after a rainfall.  
Photo Courtesy Dennis Pavlicek*

# Newbury Public Library

## Director's Report

The library was a very bustling and active place in 2017! First and foremost, we would like to thank the community for their continued support and patronage throughout the year. We are continuously inspired by all of you to create dynamic programs and services, and a collection that suits the needs of all of our patrons.

### **Patrons**

In 2017, the library had 87 new member sign-ups, giving us a total of 2,174 registered patrons. The library also serves 238 other public libraries through the NH interlibrary loan program.

Patron visits totaled 15,770 and checkouts totaled 20,291. In addition to physical items, 2,502 downloadable eBooks and audio books were checked out by 615 Newbury residents using the NH state downloadable database. The library loaned 547 items and borrowed 1,408 items through the interlibrary loan program.

### **The Collection**

At year's end, the library had 15,472 items on its shelves. During the year, 1,498 items were added and 1,035 withdrawn. The collection includes current bestsellers, a vibrant children's library, 25+ magazines and newspapers, 1,538 videos/DVDs (including TV series), and 995 audio books for adults and children.

### **2017 Programs**

In 2017, we held a record total of 205 programs, attended by 2,962 people. The diverse selection of programs, with many instructors from our own community, included classes on writing and crafts, discussions on literature and poetry, informative health lectures, wildlife programs, and musical performances. Children and family programming consisted of story hour, after school classes, school vacation, and summer programming.

### **Reading Discussions**

Our monthly book discussions are open to all, and generally held on the first Monday evening of every month. Titles discussed are chosen by the group, and copies of the books are available in advance at the library. The 2017 discussion list included:

January: Favorite Book from 2016

February: *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson

March: *Pope Joan* by Donna Woolfolk

April: Maya Angelou

May: *Lincoln's Boys* by Joshua Zeitz\* (part of a four-part series with The Fells called Abraham Lincoln: Behind White House Doors)

June: *Last Bus To Wisdom* by Ivan Doig

July: *Dante Club* by Matthew Pearl

August: *Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan

September: *Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce

October: *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents* by Julia Alvarez

November: *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles

December: *Playing for Pizza* by John Grisham

### **Poetry**

Newbury Poet Laureate Dianalee Velie acted as moderator of the monthly meetings of the John Hay Poetry Society. Poets write poetry every month based on the monthly prompt, and take turns at the meeting reading

aloud to the group. In April, Dianalee hosted a poetry reading with guest poet Lisa Starr. This group meets the second Monday of every month. New members are welcome and all are welcome to attend.

### **Adult Community Program Highlights**

**Maria Noel Groves: *Body Into Balance*:** Presenting from her new book, *Body Into Balance*, Herbalist Maria Noel Groves discussed common herbs and their preparations as natural health alternatives. This workshop was held in collaboration with the Newbury Beautification Committee.

**Feasting on 10-Minute Meals:** Chef Liz Barbour taught us how to make three easy-to-fix 10-minute meals from her new book. This wonderful workshop was held in collaboration with the Town of Newbury.

**Journey With Me: A Creative Writing Workshop:** *Journey With Me* founder Fran Lyons presented an 8-week introductory course in creative writing.

**NH Fish & Wildlife Stewards:** A 3-part series on Bobcats, Black Bears and Brook Trout presented by NH Fish and Wildlife Steward Dick Wright, focusing on our amazing NH wildlife and its natural habitats.

**Little Loons in Feather Beds:** Kittie Wilson joined us to present a fascinating program on a magical time during the first two weeks of a loon chick's life, accompanied by Wilson's stunning loon photography.

**Women of the Greatest Generation: *Stories of Faith, Hope, Love and Courage*:** In collaboration with the Newbury Veterans Committee and the South Newbury Union Church, the Just Peace Players performed "Readers Theater", using stories collected from women who lived through World War II.

**The Softer Side of Celtic:** Combining the music and history from Scotland, Ireland and England, multi-instrumentalist Jeff Snow captivated and entertained the audience with moving personal songs and stories.

**Tom Pirozzoli & Gerry Putnam:** Talented musicians Pirozzoli and Putnam's engaging blend of classical and steel string guitars enchanted the audience with a mix of folk, jazz and classical music.

**Holiday Grapevine Wreath Making:** Cheron Barton and Judy Healey presented a wreath-making workshop using grapevines, and participants decorated wreathes for fall and the holiday season.

**Sunday Craft Workshops:** Held throughout the year, Lea McBain taught a variety of crafts including beading, earring-making, and needle-felting. These drop-in crafts were free and all materials were included.

**Mahjongg:** Run by Reference Librarian Shannon Storm, our monthly Mahjongg meetings fall on the last Wednesday of every month, and are for beginners and the most experienced alike. This fun evening event is open to everyone.

**Lake Sunapee VNA Flu Clinic:** The VNA held their annual Flu Shot Clinic on September 18.

### **Community Visioning Sessions**

As part of our future planning, the Newbury Public Library Board of Trustees has been hosting Open House meetings of our current library building and community sessions with architect Ron Lamarre of Lavallee Brensinger of Manchester, NH. These sessions have brought together community members of all ages to weigh in on what they value about the library and what they envision for the future. We had 73 adults and 10 children attend the four meetings.

### **Children and Young Adult Programming**

#### **Story Time**

Every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m., infants and toddlers gathered at the library for story time. We started the year off with a special yoga story time that was a great way for children to stretch out and unwind. Thank you to Laura Hanson for leading this class.



*After-school art club at the library.  
Photo Courtesy Lea McBain*

Also, this year we ran a color-themed story time and opposites-themed story time that lasted for most of the year. We also read books during the summer that corresponded to the summer reading theme "Build a

Better World” – focusing on construction, inventors, gardening and people around the world. Each week we read books, played games, sang songs, and put together crafts – all corresponding to the week’s theme.

Story time is a great place to meet new friends, and we always welcome new families! This year, we had 45 sessions, with a total of 284 children and 170 adults attending. For 2018 we are moving our story time to Mondays at 10:00 a.m. to accommodate more families and a local daycare.

### ***After-school Programs***

Our after-school program continued to be a huge success! This year we broke up our after-school sessions into 5-week programs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This allowed us to focus on a particular topic in order to draw in more children who are interested in a variety of areas. In January/February, we held a reading and homework club. In March/April, we held an art club that focused on recreating the work of a particular artist each week. In May, we again brought the WeDo Lego Robotics program to the library. It is a wildly popular program that always showcases the children’s creativity and imagination. We had LEGO dolphins, bees, cranes and dump trucks all programed with coding software to move and explore. Finally, in the fall of 2017, we had a Nature Club where we partnered with The Fells, LSPA and the Student Conservation Association. The children were able to explore outside and learn all about our beautiful surroundings here in Newbury. We hope to continue this partnership next year!

After-school programming consisted of 48 sessions, with a total of 395 children and 95 adults attending. So far, for next year, we have a fiber arts program and a LEGO/KEVA planks program scheduled for January through April 2018. LEGO Robotics will once again be held in May, so be on the lookout!

As a side note, we are always looking for volunteers to help with our after-school and children’s programming. If you have any interest, please contact Laura at the library.

### ***2017 School Vacations***

During February vacation, we held a magic show with Greg and Axel titled “Do you want to build a snowman?” Greg brought his dog Axel as his assistant, and the children were impressed with both Greg’s magic skills and Axel’s stage presence. This program brought in 15 children and 11 adults.

During April vacation, we partnered with The Fells and had a very successful fairy program, where we made fairy wands, read a story, and created fairy gardens at The Fells. This program brought in 26 children and 13 adults. We also hosted Dan’s Balloons, which brought in a whopping 46 children and 25 adults. Dan put together amazing balloon creations and paired it with magic and silliness.

During winter vacation, we had a Star Wars week to couple with the release of the latest movie. Children were able to drop in and play with some special Star Wars LEGO sets all week, and on Wednesday we held a Star Wars party – complete with themed food (cinnamon buns! light saber pretzel rods!), crafts, stories, and necklace making. Our LEGO drop-in brought in seven children and our Star Wars party also brought in seven children.

### ***Summer Reading***

“Build a Better World” was the theme for 2017’s summer reading program for children up to Grade 5. The theme focused on making the world a better place by helping others, and the library brought in a variety of presenters who focused on this point. Events ran on Wednesday afternoons starting in July for five weeks. In conjunction, we ran a food drive and was able to donate a plethora of food and other items to the KLS Community Food Pantry.

The library had visits from Sciencetellers, who performed “Pirates: Lost at Sea,” a show about a crew of pirates that needed help to get home. Throughout the story, volunteers explored the science behind clouds,

combustion and more. Next, the Vermont Institute of Natural Science stopped by with three real-life raptors for their nesting season program. VINS taught kids what to do if they found a baby bird, what bird parents do during the summer, and how raptors build their nests. This was our most popular program of the bunch with 45 children and 17 adults. This was followed by the McAuliffe Shepherd Discovery Center bringing their “Planet Hunters” show to the library. Children learned about the planets in our solar system and how scientists find planets through an interactive science theater presentation. Lastly, we took a trip to France with Instructor Gloria Finkelstein. Children learned the basics of the language, worked on crafts, sang songs, and enjoyed some eclairs and croissants.

Finally, we partnered with Mount Sunapee Adventure Park once again this year for an end-of-summer reading bash, where children who participated in our reading contest were given prizes and could play a round of miniature golf and enjoy some ice cream. We are thankful we are able to hold this event every year for the summer reading program.

Over the course of these five weeks, we had 187 children and 54 adults attend these programs. We also ran a summer reading contest and had 32 children participate, reading a total of 232 hours! We would like to thank the local businesses that contributed prizes, supplies and their time to our 2017 Summer Reading Program. A big THANK YOU to: Bubba’s Bar and Grille, Meg’s Cut Above, The Tackle Shack, Mount Sunapee Adventure Park, and Hannaford Supermarket.

### ***Other Summer Programs***

We had a jam-packed summer for the children. In addition to our summer reading programs, we also held six sessions of children’s yoga with Instructor Laura Hanson (held every other Saturday – 28 children and 26 adults, many of whom also participated), three sessions of children’s Spanish for elementary-aged children with Instructor Leanne Hassett (25 children and 15 adults), and a session of Bristlebot robotics (10 children), which are tiny battery-operated robots made from toothbrush heads. All were successful and enlightening, and parents have requested we bring back these programs again in 2018.

We also had a few events geared toward teens, ages 11-14. We made birdhouses, did some cooking with Chef Liz Barbour, learned how to draw comics with Marek Bennet (courtesy of a Kids, Books and the Art Grant), and tried our hand at a new book club for both teens and adults who like to read Young Adult Literature. A total of 24 teens and six adults attended these four programs.

### ***Other Events***

In March, the library was awarded a \$150 grant from the New London Rotary Club Literacy Foundation. This money was used to enhance our youth graphic novel collection. We were able to purchase 20 new graphic novels for the collection. The popularity of graphic novels is on the rise, and for weak and reluctant readers, the text of graphic novels paired with detailed images help them comprehend text better. Graphic novels are also useful for teaching new vocabulary, visual literacy, and reading skills.



*Family fun day with Rudolph the Elf.  
Photo Courtesy Laura Pezone*

In October, we ran our annual pumpkin painting event, and nine children and eight adults got in the spooky spirit with some colorful creations.

### ***Family Fun Day***

Family Fun Day is a town-wide event in December that culminates with the town tree lighting, carols and yummy home-baked treats at the Veterans Hall. As part of this event, the library invited children in to make a variety of holiday crafts and watch Daniel Jolley, aka Rudolph the Elf, perform magic and balloon tricks. He was very funny, and it was a great way to end the year. We had 37 children and 19 adults drop in for crafting and 22 children and 15 adults stop by for Rudolph the Elf.

## **Other Services and Amenities**

### **Website**

Our new website, redesigned for increased accessibility, was made possible by generous grants from Bar Harbor Bank and Trust/Lake Sunapee Bank, Sugar River Savings Bank, and the Friends of the Newbury Public Library. It is located at <http://newburynhlibrary.net>.

### **Wireless Internet Access**

Wireless access is available on library computers, patrons' laptops, and other electronic devices. Our Wi-Fi is accessible 24/7.

### **Scanner**

We now offer a scanner for public use. This scanner is free to use, and can scan documents, photos, film negatives, and slides. Patrons may also book weekday appointments with a librarian for additional training with the scanner if needed. This scanner was purchased by the Friends of the Newbury Public Library.

### **Computer Lessons**

Ken Tentarelli of Newbury offered free individualized computer and Internet lessons.

### **Reading Buddies**

If your child needs some extra help with reading, or is looking for a new "audience", all ages are welcome to come in to the library and read with Laura. Call or email, and we'll find a time that works for you!

### **The Little Free Libraries**

Two Little Free Libraries were installed in summer of 2017, donated by both the Friends of the Newbury Public Library and the Newbury Beautification Committee. The Little Free Libraries are installed in two locations – South Newbury at the South Newbury Union Church, and Newbury Harbor. A third Little Free Library was installed by a private citizen in Blodgett Landing. The Little Free Libraries are free book exchanges where the community is invited to take or leave books.

### **Museum Passes**

The library has a wide array of free museum passes available for check out, including passes to The Fells, Strawberry Banke, The Currier Art Museum, VINS, the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, the See Science Center, and Billings Farm. These passes were generously donated by the Friends of the Newbury Public library and the Newbury Beautification Committee.

### **Homebound Delivery**

The Newbury Public Library offers free delivery to anyone who has difficulty getting to the library due to transportation difficulties (like the loss of a car or license), or short-term or long-term health issues. The library brings books, movies, audiobooks, and lends out CD players to those patrons who have visual-impairment. Deliveries are on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

We are happy to accommodate any patron interested in this service, and we can hand-pick items based on interests, or get specific titles you have been looking for. Call 763-5803 for more information.

### **Accessibility**

The library is wheelchair accessible, and our door has an automatic opener for increased accessibility.

### **Volunteers**

Volunteers helped with many aspects of library operations. Volunteers in 2017 were Judy Hale, Stu Hale, Cheron Barton, Judy Healey, Pat Kaniuka, Paula Falkowski, Don Falkowski, Julia Falkowski, Robert Taylor, Bob Bergeron, Susan Giaccotto, Mike Moss, Liz Moul, Jeff Duquette, Matthew Noyer, Mickey Noyer, Austin Killam, Julia Baldasaro, Linda Porter, Ken Tentarelli, Liz Tentarelli, Richard Gosselin and Dianalee Velie. For the year, volunteers contributed 153 hours of labor, or about three hours per week. We greatly appreciate the energy and time our volunteers donate to the library.

*Lea McBain, Library Director*  
*Laura Pezone, Assistant Director*  
*Shannon Storm, Reference Librarian*  
*Sarah Long, Intern*  
*Sophie Shields, Intern*



*John Hay Poetry Society's monthly poetry meeting.  
Photo Courtesy Lea McBain*

### **Friends of Newbury Public Library, Inc.**

The Friends are a 501(c)3 organization that meets quarterly at the library. All money that is raised goes directly to support the library – funding programs, enhancing the book budget, purchasing all DVDs, purchasing museum passes, and supporting the technology budget. The Friends encourage all library patrons to attend.

Through our annual appeal and book sales, the Friends of Newbury Public Library had a very successful year. With the money raised, the library was able to host the largest number of programs yet – 205 with an attendance of 2,962 people. Highlights were: Lego Robotics with Barry and Deb Connell; Dan’s Balloons; Family Fun Day; Rudolph the Elf; The Softer Side of Celtic Music with multi-instrumentalist Jeff Snow; a collaboration with the Newbury Beautification Committee: Herbalist Maria Noel Groves’ Body into Balance; Little Loons in Feather Beds; a collaboration with The Newbury Veterans Committee; the South Newbury Union Church: Women of the Greatest Generation; and a four-part collaboration with The Fells called Abraham Lincoln: Behind White House Doors.

We can’t thank you enough for your support. We look forward to another year of enjoyment at the library and we hope to see you at one of our meetings!

### **Friends**

Liz Moulton, President

Mike Moss, Treasurer

Paula Falkowski, Secretary

Judy Healey, Heather Jacques, Mickey Noyer, Pat Kaniuka, Directors



*Library's fairy day at The Fells.  
Photo Courtesy Lea McBain*

## **Newbury Historical Society**

The Newbury Historical Society continued to be active in 2017.

The History Committee meetings, which are held at 9:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, are particularly well attended. Topics in 2017 included a history of the Knollwood Inn by Dick Butterfield, a visual presentation of maps showing the evolution of the Town of Newbury by Deane Geddes, the Masonian Curve as it relates to Newbury by Perry Teele, and visits to local cemeteries.

The annual meeting was held on August 13, 2017 at the Newbury Town Offices. Following the business meeting, guest speaker Glenn A. Knoblock presented “New Hampshire Cemeteries and Gravestones.” Integrating some of Newbury’s cemeteries into his talk, he told how rubbings, photographs and slides illustrate the rich variety of gravestones found in our own neighborhoods. The presentation was made possible with a grant from the N.H. Humanities Council.

In late September, the NH State Council on the Arts awarded a Cultural Conservation Grant to the Newbury Historical Society to support conservation projects at the Old Town Hall and Veterans Hall. Commonly known as a “moose plate grant,” the funds will be used to help repair and conserve the grand drape and eight stage left-and-right double-sided panels (called “ears”) at the Old Town Hall. The grant will also be used for the repair and conservation of a grand drape at the Veterans Hall. The curtains and ears are excellent representatives of the New England cultural and commercial use of art for public displays in governmental and/or private stages during the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

We continued to be part of Partners Around Lake Sunapee (PALS), which collaborates with seven other area organizations in the annual publication of lectures, events, exhibits, programs and celebrations.

Board meetings are currently held on the second Thursday of January, March, May, September and November at the Town Office at 2:30 p.m.

### *Board of Directors*

*Paula Falkowski, Ashley Geddes, Deane Geddes*

*John Lyons, Gay Sheary*

*Bill Weiler, Margie Weiler*

### Contact Information

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Newbury, NH 03255

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Email: [info@newburyhistorical.org](mailto:info@newburyhistorical.org)

## Center Meeting House

The Center Meeting House (CMH) welcomed old and new friends to its programs in 2017. We opened our season on Memorial Day with the bell ringing to call all to the Newbury Veterans Memorial to honor those who have - and are currently - serving our nation.

The theme for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual June Saturday Speaker Series was *Outdoor Recreation: Then & Now*. The series kicked off with Paul Berry of the Appalachian Mountain Club who presented the “then and now” of hiking and paddling activities. Paul shared his visual slides along with mountains of equipment that compared the 1960s with the adventures of today. Next, the author, Jack Noon, took us through the history of Lake Sunapee and its fish from formation to the present. On the third Saturday, our own Katheryn Holmes regaled us with stories, photos and equipment of waterskiing on Lake Sunapee. Rounding out the month-long series was Jeff Leich of the New England Ski Museum. Jeff brought fascinating tales of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division “The Mountain Troops & American Skiing”.

In July, the CMH hosted a lovely wedding and the next week Old Home Day featured a CMH open house inside and a WWII Army encampment exhibit outside. The South Newbury Union Church used the building for the last two Sundays in July.

Our Annual Meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup> was *NH on High: Historic & Unusual Weathervanes*, a NH Humanities program, by Glenn Knoblock. A special treat was the opportunity to see our own original weathervane which came down during the hurricane in the thirties.

On the evening of September 11, Sunny Mulligan Shea from the NH Attorney General’s Office gave a program on *21<sup>st</sup> Century Scams and Con Artists* whose targets are folks like us. Newbury Police Chief Brad Wheeler joined in the program to share some local information.

October brought our Halloween Program, *The Capital Crime of Witchcraft*. This was a fabulous NH Humanities program hosted by Margo Burns. It was so cold that we moved the program across the street into the Veterans Hall for the standing-room-only presentation.

The Sunday before Thanksgiving we gathered in the CMH to honor a group that makes Newbury a better place. Our 2017 “Thanks for Giving” recipients the men of the Newbury Highway Department. Following the event, it was a pleasure for all of us to head over to the Veterans Hall for refreshments and visiting.

On the first Sunday of December, we officially welcomed the holiday season with the ringing of the CMH bell. Everyone was all bundled up and we sang carols in the Meeting House before heading out for the lighting of Alice’s Tree, the official Town Christmas tree. This year, we had the Newbury Daisy Girl Scout Troop and other town children help us on several songs. Many of the children also helped to ring the bell as everyone headed across the street for heat and food in the Veterans Hall. We thank Newbury Beautification Committee for joining with us in our annual events.



*The Town Christmas tree.  
Photo Courtesy Maureen Rosen*

2018 has five Saturdays in June. We hope you can join us on those Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. for a series of programs on Heath & Wellness with the New London Hospital as part of its Centennial Celebration.

The Center Meeting House is available for your special events and milestones – weddings, vow renewals, christenings, funerals, concerts and lectures. Please contact us at our new website, [www.centermeetinghouse.org](http://www.centermeetinghouse.org) if we can help make your events the very best.

The Center Meeting House is your meeting house and we thank you for your continued support.

*Joy Nowell, Chair  
Ivor Freeman, Vice Chair  
Patricia Sherman, Treasurer  
Kathy Bashaw, Secretary  
Jay Gamble, Judy Healey, Maureen Rosen, Barbara Steward, Dan Wolf*



*Selectboard member Joy Nowell sings with our local Daisy Girl Scouts at the tree lighting.*

*Photo Courtesy Maureen Rosen*

## Transfer Station

It is business as usual at the Newbury Transfer Station. We had a busy 2017 and would like to thank those residents who are always courteous and support the way we do things here at the transfer station.

Once again, we like to remind residents and visitors of what we accept – and do not accept at the Newbury Transfer Station.

### Items Accepted at the Transfer Station

- Latex paint: Dried up with kitty litter, sand or sawdust and placed in the trash compactor.
- Syringes: Must be inside a thick plastic container (like laundry soap container) with stickers that say *Medical Sharps – Not for Recycle*. We have stickers available here. These can go into the trash compactor.
- Batteries: Alkaline, 9 volt alkaline with the two terminals taped to prevent sparks. These can go into the trash compactor.
- Lead Cell batteries: Car, motorcycle, etc. These can be placed inside next to the office.
- Rechargeable batteries: These contain mercury, lithium or cadmium. We take any size. Please place them inside next to the office.
- Aerosol cans: Only empty cans can go in the trash, compactor or metal bin. If full take to HHW day.
- Fire Extinguishers: Empty extinguishers go into the metal bin. If anything is inside please give extinguisher to an attendant.
- Fluorescent Bulbs: Contain mercury. All sizes are collected inside next to the cardboard baler.

We don't charge for any of these items and there is a flyer in the office for items that require a fee. When in doubt, ask one of the attendants for help.

### Items Not Accepted at the Transfer Station

- Upholstered furniture, mattresses, box springs, or any cushions with springs are not accepted at the Transfer Station unless they are completely broken down into their various parts; springs/metal into the metal bin, and cloth/stuffing into the trash compactor. If you do not want to tear it down yourself, Naughton & Son in Bradford will take them for a fee. We have a list of furniture banks in New England on the bulletin board inside. There is also a swap board at the Transfer Station if you would like to advertise something or if you are looking for something.
- Used oil or antifreeze. Household Hazardous Waste Collections do not take oil or antifreeze either. Check with your local service station to see if they will take it.
- Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors contain mercury and these detectors can be sent back to the company at no cost. Most of them have addresses or phone numbers on them.
- Thermometers and thermostats have a mercury ampoule inside. Please do not throw any of these items in the trash or leave them anywhere at the Transfer Station (which includes the swap pile).
- Bring the above items to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. As the summer approaches a list of HHW collection days will be posted - they typically run May through September.
- Old medications that you don't need or have expired. Do not flush medication down your sink or toilet.

Every year, we hold Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days which allows residents the chance to safely dispose of hazardous material. **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)** is anything that is corrosive, explosive, reactive, flammable or toxic. We have recently put up a list of HHW at the Transfer Station. It includes waste from kitchens, bathrooms, garages and gardens. Residents are allowed to have HHW, but as a Transfer Station, we are not permitted to take any HHW. Please do not leave any HHW in the swap area,

even if it is a fertilizer that you think someone may want. All these products can be brought to one of our HHW Collections Days.

### **A Few Observations**

- The covers on the recyclable bins are heavy. If you observe that the bins are filling up, please inform an attendant and we will take care of the situation. If the recyclable bins are closed, please either bring your recyclables at another time or throw them into the compactor.
- Occasionally, the attendants find various random objects that must be disposed of and are simply left in odd places. Please check with an attendant about where to place objects (books, car batteries, etc.). If you have any questions about where something goes, please ask.

Finally, we thank all the residents in Newbury who do their best to ensure that our town remains “recycling strong” and as trash-free as possible. Keep up the good work!

*Churchill Hesselton, Chief Operator  
MaryEllen Wright, Attendant*



*Lily and Matthew at story time in the library  
Photo Courtesy Laura Pezone*



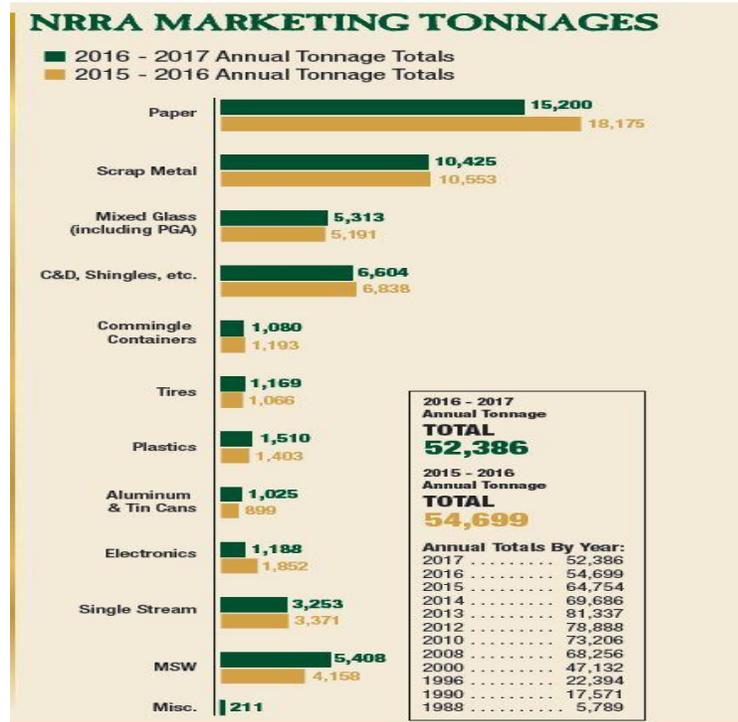
*“Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions”*

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Dear NRRA Member,

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 37-year old recycling cooperative. Your member-driven organization provides you with:

- Up-to-date **Technical Assistance** in waste reduction and recycling including solid waste contract negotiations;
- **Cooperative Marketing** to maximize pricing and **Cooperative Purchasing** to minimize costs;
- Current **Market Conditions** and Latest **Recycling Trends, both regionally and nationwide;**
- **Innovative Programs** (i.e. Dual Stream, Consolidation and Single Stream);
- **Educational and Networking Opportunities** through our Annual Recycling Conference, our Monthly “Full of Scrap” email news, monthly Marketing meetings, **members' only website**, workshops and Fall Facility Tours;
- **NRRA School Recycling CLUB** - a program to assist schools to promote or advance their recycling efforts;
- NH DES Continuing Ed Credits; and
- **NH the Beautiful Signs, Grants, Bins and Recyclemobiles.**



NRRA membership has grown to include more than 400 municipalities, businesses and individuals in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine. NRRA, as a non-profit organization, is unique in that we do not charge a “brokerage fee” or work to maximize profit gains, but rather we have a minimal “Co-op Fee”, which is re-invested to further your recycling programs and solid waste reduction efforts in schools and municipalities.

Through your continued support and dedication, NRRA has assisted our members to recycle over 52,000 tons in fiscal year 2016-2017!

Please contact NRRA at 800-223-0150 / 603-736-4401 or visit our website at [www.nrra.net](http://www.nrra.net)



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## **Town of Newbury, NH**

### **Congratulations for being such active recyclers!**

Below please find information on the positive impact your recycling has had on our environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

<b>Recyclable Material</b>	<b>Amount Recycled In 2017</b>	<b>Environmental Impact!</b> Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of recycling materials rather than manufacturing products from virgin resources
Aluminum Cans	8,240 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a television for 838,832 hours!
Electronics	14,329 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to power 1.8 houses for one year!
Paper	76 tons	Saved 1,296 trees!
Scrap Metal	57.1 gross tons	Conserved 160,000 pounds of iron ore!

#### **Avoided Emissions:**

Recycling uses much less energy than making products from virgin resources, and using less energy means fewer greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere.

By recycling the materials above, you have avoided about **587 tons** of carbon dioxide emissions  
This is the equivalent of removing **125 passenger cars** from the road for an entire year

## **Information Booth**

The Newbury Information Booth hosted over 2,500 visitors in 2017 with folks from 27 states including the New England states, California, Arizona, and Washington State. The East Coast, Deep South, and the Midwest were all represented.

In fact, the whole world sent visitors to Newbury! Folks came from Portugal, Brazil, The Netherlands, France, England, Scotland, Germany, South Korea, South Africa, Poland, Japan, Turkey, Switzerland, Bulgaria, and Wales. We even had visitors from Newbury, England!

Even though the weather varied with a lot of cool days and rain, Ron opened the caboose on weekends through most of the summer and people were very interested to peek inside.

Hikers came out in droves and we sold a lot of trail maps for the Conservation Commission. One group, though, came back to say the trail to Eagle's Nest was much too hard!

This year, we had quite a few people stop by to reminisce about their days at Lake Sunapee as kids in the 1940's. It is always fun to hear the stories of what the lake was like back in the day.

Questions abounded about where to get postcards, where to launch a boat, location of the bathrooms, and availability of children-friendly activities. We sent a lot of families to the playground and some came back to tell us what a wonderful time their small children had and how lucky we were to have such a marvelous playground right here in town. We made sure they knew the story about the Velie Playground.

Another popular question was where to fish. Once, we sent two boys to fish off the bank below the caboose and they came by later to proudly show off two big fish they had caught.

All in all, it was a lovely summer. As the primary ambassadors for the town of Newbury, we made sure people knew that the old small-town America still lives right here in Newbury.

*Martha von Redlich, Jane Johnsen, Charles Killam*

## **Recreation Department**

The Newbury Recreation Department offered town residents and visitors its usual wide range of programs and events throughout 2017, enticing folks to get outside and take advantage of the hiking trails, ecology walks, swimming lessons, soccer camps, social events, and a host of athletic programs. Fisherfield Park provided a welcomed venue for the variety of athletic programs and Newbury Harbor proved to be a popular spot for the well-attended swimming program.

### **Summer Programs**

The schedule of summer programs marked its seventh year of jam-packed activities. Soccer camps were well attended. Fisherfield Park hosted budding ecologists who explored fort-building, frog-catching, woods-exploration, and outdoor game-playing. Ecology Camp at The Fells was a big success and, once again, our thanks goes out to Kathleen Stowell, LSPA education director, and Nancy Heckel, LSPA environmental educator, for partnering with us. LSPA provided the substantial ecology curriculum and The Fells provided the ideal location.

### **Summer Concert Series**

The Summer Concert Series was, once again, a hugely popular event at the Newbury Harbor. Local talent was featured along with emerging musical artists. The Thursday night shows at the gazebo attracted many folks to the harbor to enjoy live music under the stars. We really enjoy showing off the harbor area with such great bands coming to Newbury and performing in such a beautiful setting.

### **Staff Changes**

Rosie Johnson stepped into the role of Recreation Director in late September and hit the ground running. Family events for Halloween and Christmas were offered, senior trips to area places of interest were scheduled, and an outreach effort to engage interested members of the community was established. Look for a busy and varied set of offerings from the Recreation Department in 2018!

### **Volunteers**

The Recreation Department is blessed with dedicated volunteers for its many programs. We send them all a big Thank You for the hours they give, the effort they offer, and the expertise they share. Volunteers make the difference in all that we do. If you are interested in joining our 2018 programs as a volunteer, we would love to have you!

Finally, our thanks to the residents of Newbury who always remind us that, together, we can create a truly special place for all of us to live, work and play.

*Rosie Johnson*  
*Recreation Director*

## **Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS)**

A big “Thank You” goes out to each town for their support in 2017 to the Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS) group. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we rely on the continued support of our tri-town base communities – Newbury, Bradford and Sutton.

### **Our Mission**

Our sole mission is to provide quality sports opportunities to area youths while reinforcing the concepts of sportsmanship and team participation.

BNSYS owns and maintains the structures and facilities at Warren Brook Park, located at 164 Old Warner Road in Bradford. Our revenue is derived from fundraising events, program participation fees, donations and contributions from the towns. The expenses incurred yearly include, but are not limited to - utility bills, liability insurance, team equipment, league fees, uniforms, field/building maintenance, toilet rentals, and scholarships.

### **Facilities**

Our facility is maintained by volunteers who operate under our field director. Our playing fields in 2017 were in consistently superb condition, thanks to the hard work of our volunteers. Thank you to everyone who donated their time and hard work to ensure that our athletes had a great playing surface. A special thank you goes out to FVB Landscaping in Bradford. Fritz Von Beren graciously donated his equipment and employees’ time every other week to mow and maintain the fields. BNSYS would also like to thank Joe Messer, Tyler Lawn Care, Ordway Construction, and the Lumber Barn for their support throughout the year with their help maintaining or improving the property.

Improvements can be seen throughout the facility. In 2017 we added a yellow safety roll to the outfield fence at Sam Emery Field. New bases were purchased for Brown Shattuck Field, the softball field, and Sam Emery Field. The Bradford CHIPS program assisted in purchasing new bases for the KRES-Bradford field. New nets were purchased for all the soccer goals. BNSYS also purchased a used golf cart to use on the grounds for maintaining the infields on all of our baseball and softball fields.

Following parental feedback in 2016 regarding concerns about ticks, we corrected the issue by removing the small patch of trees/wooded area between Sam Emery Field and the softball field. We also treated the building facility with a fast-acting concentrate that targets ticks without presenting harmful exposure to our athletes. 2017 witnessed a huge improvement in the number of reported ticks on our athletes and spectators.

Additional improvements included an increased number of porta potties at our locations, and improvements to the parking lot.

### **Registrations**

Approximately 200 athletes participated in our sports programs in 2017 from Bradford, Newbury and Sutton. Our K-8 wrestling program had 25 athletes sign up, which led to the crowning of seven state champions, three second-place finishers, and one third-place finisher. T-Ball had 22 athletes sign up, and baseball had 45 participants. For the first time in many years, BNSYS fielded a girls’ softball team with 16 athletes from ages 6-8. We hope to build upon the softball program and offer another team for ages 9-10 in 2018. The recreational soccer program had 106 athletes sign up, our U10 traveling team had over 10 athletes, and our annual YES Soccer Camp had 57 athletes sign up this year, which was up from 45 in 2016.

### **Volunteers**

The success of our program would not be possible without the help of countless volunteers. Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer and support BNSYS.

If you would like to get involved with BNSYS, look at what we have to offer, or think you can help in other ways, please visit our website, [www.bnsyouthsports.org](http://www.bnsyouthsports.org), or contact one of the Directors (listed below). We would love to have you involved in making BNSYS the best youth sports program possible.

*Edward Shaughnessy  
President*

Board of Directors

Laura McKenna, Treasurer  
Justine Fournier, Secretary  
David Kasregis, Baseball Director  
Jesse Griffin, Softball Director  
Carrie Guerrette and Jared LaMothe, Soccer Directors  
Erik Croto, Wrestling Director  
Robert Zielinski, Equipment Director  
David Spinney, Fundraising Director  
Rob Naughton, Field Director



*A familiar sight this winter.  
Photo Courtesy Dennis Pavlicek*

## The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens

The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens (The Fells) is proud to be located in Newbury and to be part of the Town. There is a wealth of history that comprises so much of the area's townspeople, businesses and geographic location. It is most certainly a destination point for visitors of all ages.

### Mission

The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens has a mission to welcome people of all ages, making each visit an enriching experience with opportunities to explore and learn from our natural lakeside setting, renowned gardens, and the historic achievements of statesman John Milton Hay. The Fells protects approximately 3,100 feet of undeveloped natural shoreline on Lake Sunapee and maintains the structures, gardens, meadows and woodlands for relaxation, recreation and edification. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a recipient of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance Achievement Award. This award was presented to The Fells for outstanding restoration and stewardship of its historic landscape and historic buildings. The Fells is also a Preservation Project of the Garden Conservancy.

### History

In 1888, John Milton Hay began buying Newbury farms and in 1891, established a summer home in Newbury to escape the pressures of a demanding career. He named his retreat "The Fells", a Scottish term for "rocky upland pasture". He served as President Lincoln's private secretary and gained experience in Europe as a diplomat. He later served as Secretary of State under Presidents William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt and crafted many important foreign policies. After Hay's death in 1905, his son Clarence and daughter-in-law Alice, transformed the rustic retreat into an elegant estate and working farm. Their varied landscape included formal gardens, woodlands and meadows. Hay's grandson, John, also summered here. His experiences at The Fells inspired him to become a naturalist and nature writer, for which he was nationally known. In 1997, after managing the estate for two years, volunteers formed a nonprofit known today as The Fells. In 2008 the organization became the owners of 84 acres of the original 1100-acre site.

### 2017 Highlights

- The Fells celebrated the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Main House in 2017 in every aspect of our programming and events.
- The Fells hosted a number of well attended educational and ecological programs during the summer including our "Bus Stops Here" elementary school program, and an Ecology Camp sponsored and led by the Newbury Recreation Department with collaboration and educational programming also from the Lake Sunapee Protective Association. Our partnering with the Town of Newbury and LSPA is very important to us and we greatly appreciate the support and look forward to many other new joint programs coming up in 2018.
- The Fells celebrated its over 300 dedicated volunteers in September. The seasons are always made spectacular at The Fells by so many hands in the gardens, the plant nursery, the house, and all areas touched by those who share their time so generously. New volunteers are always welcome.
- The season concluded with The Fells beautiful signature event, "*Christmas at The Fells*" Decorator Show House. This year's event, titled "*Designer's Choice*", hosted more than 22 talented and creative decorators and designers from our area and beyond. The house was open to visitors for two consecutive weekends and throughout the week. The Fells Boutique inspired shoppers to prepare early for the holidays and they did just that! This happy and festive event was a great kickoff for the holiday season.

The 2017 season at The Fells was educational, exciting and inspirational. We look forward to our new 2018 season and are preparing to make it equally enjoyable and even better. We do hope that you will be part it!

In 2018, The Fells welcomes a new Board of Director Chairman, David Blohm who will assume the position previously held by John Ferries. We thank John Ferries for his leadership of seven years and look forward to having David Blohm as our Chairman. The Fells is very proud of those who serve on our Board; all are extremely qualified and supportive. The future looks bright due to their attributes.

The Fells is a historic treasure and, as such, it is a special place which is welcoming to the many visitors who come to avail themselves not only of the beauty of nature that surrounds us, but also in the rich and fascinating history. Whether you are a history buff, gardener, hiker, explorer, or a winter snowshoe enthusiast, visit us soon and you will want to return again and again with family and friends. Many of our programs and events are free and many of our educational programs and scholarships are offered in order to reach as many of our area children as possible, including the at-risk and under-served.

For more information please visit our website [www.thefells.com](http://www.thefells.com). The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens is located at 456 Route 103A, Newbury, New Hampshire, 03255. Phone number: (603) 763-4789. For program and event information, email us at [info@thefells.org](mailto:info@thefells.org).

*Susan Warren  
Executive Director*



*Presleigh, Charlotte, Lillian at The Fells during the Library's Nature Club.  
Photo Courtesy Laura Pezone*

## **Newbury Beautification Committee**

Newbury Beautification Committee (NBC) has been in existence for the past 12 years. Because there may be residents who are unfamiliar with our group, following is an overview of our mission within the town along with a listing of the various activities and projects that NBC offers.

### **Mission**

The mission of the NBC is to help promote and enhance the pride we have in our community through a myriad of annual activities and events. NBC is not limited to gardening but also coordinates, plans and supports many Newbury activities.

### **NBC:**

- Awards scholarships each year to eligible, graduating seniors in Newbury.
- Provides the annual ham and bean supper at Town Meeting.
- Plants flowers throughout the town/harbor areas.
- Maintains town flowers at Town Office, Vets Hall, the Harbor, and the hanging baskets along Route 103 from late May through September.
- Holds a plant sale in May offering annuals and perennials to area residents.
- Hangs wreaths and roping for the “Greening of the Town” in November.
- Holds the Wreath Sale Event on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.
- Provides homemade goodies for the Tree Lighting in December.
- Offers informational programs for area residents in collaboration with the Library.
- Hosts tours of area gardens and nurseries.
- Sponsors a variety of social events each year.

In 2017, we partnered with the Library to sponsor the program “Growing Health” with Maria Groves. We also provided library passes to the SEE Science Center in Manchester, VINs Nature Center, The McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, and Billings Farm & Museum.

NBC began working with the Newbury Veterans on a two year project to develop and implement a landscape plan on the land behind the Veterans Hall. The goal is to create a space to complement the natural environment of the area with respect and consideration of the wetlands and wildlife there.

Our scholarship committee is pleased to announce Kelsea Davis is the 2017 recipient of the Newbury Beautification Committee Scholarship. We wish her all the best in pursuing her goals in college and beyond.

We are a welcoming group and whether you are a long time resident or new resident, male or female, working or retired, we invite you to become involved with NBC. Each year, NBC expands its endeavors of beautifying and promoting pride in our town and new members and ideas are essential in those endeavors. Please contact Cindy Peterson, Membership Chair, if you are interested in becoming a valued contributor.

The NBC is always appreciative of the ongoing support of the Town administration, Selectboard and the residents of Newbury.

*Stuart and July Hale  
Co-Chair Presidents*

## **Kearsarge Regional School Board**

*"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."  
- Benjamin Franklin*

### **Inspire!**

That is the new word of the year for the Kearsarge Regional School District (KRSD) and our Vision Statement supports this:

***Inspiring learners, committing to community, contributing to a dynamic world.***

The 2018 budget is completed and reflects a 1.28% increase over the current school year. This is the lowest increase in the past six years. As costs increase and federal funding decreases, the school board and KRSD leadership will continue to work together to ensure students receive a quality education.

Many of you have heard that the high school introduced competency-based education and grading and questions have arisen regarding how this approach works. Competency-based education and grading is a method that provides students with an education that matches the needed skills as identified by the workforce sector and post-secondary schools. The goal is to ensure that each student learns the skills necessary to successfully navigate within a rapidly changing environment. The middle school is engaged in implementing this approach in all subjects over the next three to five years. As always, district administration is available to answer any specific questions that you have regarding this topic.

The school district has expanded the use of science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM approach) to promote student inquiry, discussion and critical thinking skills. There have also been more offerings at all schools that offers students a wide variety of experiences outside of the classroom. For example, at the high school, level two of the programs include the New Hampshire Fire Academy for those wishing to pursue a career in firefighting. Also available is interaction with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center for those students interested in a medical/non-medical career in healthcare.

In 2017, KRSD was awarded state building aid funds which were used for many of the capital projects throughout the district. The high school wastewater treatment facility was replaced with a septic system during the summer and is already achieving cost savings. The demolition of the 1941 building in New London was completed in the spring. There is ongoing planning and capital projects for the school district to achieve continuous improvement.

I would like to recognize the KRSD employees and volunteers for all the good work that they do. It is a pleasure and privilege to be a KRSD school board member.

*Robin Lee Parkhurst  
Newbury Representative to the  
Kearsarge Regional Board of Education*

## Cemetery Trustees

The Cemetery Trustees completed a number of projects during 2017 and catalogued 12 deaths in Newbury throughout the year. All told, there were three burials - two casket burials and one crematory burial. The remaining nine deaths included two out-of-town burials, and seven others going to the family. There were two cemetery lots purchased. Burial and death certificates were catalogued for this past year and are now up to date in the Town Clerk's office.

The information booklet for the Town cemeteries was updated and booklets were distributed to the Town Office and the library.

Newbury cemeteries have 186 veterans buried in the town cemeteries and flags are put on each gravesite every year and each has an appropriate marker. The War Memorial at South Newbury Cemetery has four flags.

As in past years, the Newbury Beautification Committee donated holiday wreaths for several cemeteries and the trustees placed the wreaths on the cemetery gates.

Additional projects included the following:

- South Newbury Cemetery - A large project of removing trees and trimming brush was completed. Also, the fence requires repairs and bids are being accepted for same.
- Bean Cemetery - A large tree came down during a windy storm and damaged the fence. The tree was sawed into pieces and removed. The bid process is underway for repairs to the damaged fence.

In June, trustees attended the annual NH Cemetery Trustee meeting.

Cemetery Trustees  
*Paul Riley, Deane Geddes & William Weiler*

## **Planning Board**

The Newbury Planning Board (Board) holds regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at the Town Offices. The Board may also hold periodic “work session” meetings on an as-needed basis. During 2017, the Board held 12 regular meetings, two Public Hearings (the first in January concerning proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments, and the second in June to present the 2017 Master Plan update), one Site Visit at The Fells concerning a proposed Upper Parking Lot, and three work sessions relating to regulation amendments.

The Board is comprised of six elected members. Each elected member serves for a term of three years. Also serving on the Board is one Selectboard member (or other town representative) appointed by the Selectboard. The Board may also have up to five alternate members, serving three-year terms, who are appointed by Board members.

The Planning Board has three roles and responsibilities in town affairs: Planning, Legislative, and, Regulatory.

### **Planning**

In its Planning capacity, the Board develops and promotes the Town Master Plan, which is a collective community vision for the future development of Newbury. The goal of the Master Plan is to preserve and enhance the unique quality of life and culture of Newbury as identified by the citizens of the town. In 2017, the lengthy process of an update to Newbury’s Master Plan was finished and adopted by the Board on July 18, 2017.

Annually, the Planning Board leads the effort to update the town’s Capital Improvements Program (CIP), which is a schedule of Newbury’s capital expenditure needs for the next six years. Particular thanks goes out to the 2018-2023 CIP committee: Ivor Freeman, Chair; Bruce Healey, Planning Board; Ken McWilliams, Planning Board Advisor; Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator; Ed Thorson, Selectboard Representative; and Bruce Barton, at-large member.

### **Legislative**

This role is one in which the Board writes and proposes town zoning ordinances and amendments for discussion and adoption by ballot vote at Town Meeting. The Board also writes and adopts (after public hearings) Board-specific regulations concerning property subdivision and commercial development.

During many 2017 Board meetings, with help from Ken McWilliams, Planning Board Advisor, the Board worked on proposed zoning amendments. Two proposed amendments improve the definition of district boundaries in the Residential and Business District. One amendment adds a stream to the list of 23 permanent Newbury streams in the Shoreland Overlay District. Another amendment amends the Waterfront Buffer in the Shoreland Overlay District to agree with State legislation enacted in 2017. Completing the list is an amendment to more clearly define provisions of selective tree cutting in the waterfront buffer of the Shoreland Overlay District. A public hearing on the proposed amendments was held in January 2018. The final form of the proposed amendments will be presented to resident voters at Town Meeting in March 2018.

The Board also decided to work on earth excavation regulations. It is anticipated that the Board will adopt regulations for excavation of earth in Newbury sometime in 2018.

### **Regulatory**

In its Regulatory role, the Board applies the town ordinances and Planning Board regulations specific to the needs of an application for a subdivision or commercial development. During open public meetings,

an applicant can choose to start a project with a Conceptual consultation. Depending on the project and regulation, the applicant may proceed to a Design Review phase, or the Final Approval phase, which are both conducted in duly noticed public hearing.

### **2017 Applications Reviewed**

Minor Subdivision (1)

Site Plan Review - Conceptual (9) Minor (3) and Final (3)

Voluntary Mergers of Lots of Record (2)

Conditional Use Permit for development in a wetland buffer (1)

### **Acknowledgements**

I would like to thank the members of the Planning Board who have served, and continue to serve, on the Board. I am fortunate to have the opportunity to work with this dedicated, knowledgeable and responsible group of volunteers. Each is an individual asset to the Town of Newbury and they include Board Members: Bill Weiler, Mike Beaton, Deane Geddes, Russell Smith, ex-officio, Selectboard, and Dick Wright, Alternate. Also, Meg Whittemore, Recording Secretary; Tiffany Favreau, Land Use Coordinator; and Ken McWilliams, Planning Board Advisor.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board members for their confidence in electing me Chair for the past five years. I have found the position to be challenging but rewarding work, and consider it a privilege to serve the needs of our community.

*Bruce Healey*  
*Chair*

## **Zoning Board of Adjustments**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) had a rather busy year in 2017, meeting a total of 13 times. The ZBA meets on the second Monday of the month if a case is scheduled. However, to handle an increasing caseload, the Board voted to conduct a second monthly hearing, as needed, on the fourth Monday of the month. This decision helped keep meetings to a reasonable length, although one meeting in November lasted close to five hours!

Of the 13 meetings, the ZBA heard 16 applications for Variances, three applications for a Special Exception, and one application for an Equitable Waiver of Dimension. Two cases were continued to allow the applicants to provide additional information to the Board. The ZBA found that most cases met the criteria for granting of the application. As in past years, a significant number of applications were for properties located in the Shoreland Overlay District. Most applicants with projects in this district come to the ZBA with well-prepared, professionally designed Stormwater Management Plans. We are also seeing an increase in applicants being represented by legal counsel.

The ZBA met with members of the Planning Board to clarify/amend future Zoning Regulations. A number of ZBA members attended conferences sponsored by the Office of Energy and Planning where rules of procedure for Land Use Boards are updated and new legislative decisions are reviewed.

The composition of the ZBA changed this year: Gary Budd was elected as a full Member, relinquishing his position as an Alternate; Armen Tarbassian stepped down as a full Member and accepted the position of an Alternate; and Reed Gelzer joined the ZBA as an Alternate member. The ZBA re-elected Peter Fichter as Chair and David Blohm as Vice-Chair.

The ZBA would like to recognize the efforts of Tiffany Favreau, Land Use and Assessing Coordinator, in preparing the ever-growing case materials, and Meg Whittemore, Recording Secretary, for her many hours of recording and transcribing meeting minutes. We were saddened to see John Greenwood leave his position as Code Enforcement Officer, but look forward to working closely with his successor, Jack Shephard.

The ZBA's mission is to adjudicate appeals to Zoning Ordinances and Administrative Decisions. The Board strives to balance the rights of property owners with state and local ordinances and to uphold the goals of the Master Plan for the Town of Newbury. Minutes and decisions by the ZBA are available on the town website or from the Town Office.

*Peter Fichter*  
*Chair*

David Blohm, Vice-Chair  
Nancy Marashio, Garry Budd, Members  
Alex Azodi, Armen Tarbassian, Hank Thomas, Reed Gelzer, Alternate Members

## **University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Merrimack County**

The University of New Hampshire (UNH) Cooperative Extension serves residents in each of Merrimack County's 27 towns with diverse programming through 4-H, Nutrition Connections, Food & Agriculture, Community & Economic Development, Natural Resources, and Youth & Family. The UNH Extension is the public outreach arm of UNH, bringing information and education into New Hampshire towns, helping individuals, businesses and communities be more successful, and keeping New Hampshire's natural resources healthy and productive.

### **Our Mission**

UNH Cooperative Extension provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

### **Our Work for Merrimack County**

Merrimack County Extension staff brings the research and knowledge of UNH to county residents through hands-on workshops, site visits, conferences, phone consultations, printed materials, online resources, a statewide toll-free info line, and through strategic partnerships.

This year, UNH Cooperative Extension trained and supported 328 volunteers in Merrimack County. These volunteers contributed 26,462 hours of their time extending the reach of our programs as 4-H leaders, master gardeners, wildlife coverts, community tree stewards, water quality monitors, marine docents, and others.

### **Our Program Areas**

- **Food & Agriculture**

We support the county's agricultural industries, including producers of fruits, vegetables, ornamental plants, and livestock. Our support includes workshops and trainings, diagnostic services, applied research, and one-on-one consultations. This year, at least 3,146 Merrimack County citizens attended training in livestock management, crop production, safe food handling, pest management, agricultural marketing, pollinator protection, farm business management, landscaping for water quality protection, and more.

Our team of specialists and volunteers also provide education and technical assistance to home gardeners and citizens through seminars, publications, and through our Education Center Info Line. This year, Education Center volunteers answered 324 inquiries from Merrimack County residents, and the county's 31 Master Gardeners contributed 483 volunteer hours through garden-focused projects, displays and presentations, contributing an estimated value of \$12,000.

This summer, Jeremy DeLisle joined our county staff as our new Food & Agriculture Field Specialist. He is a member of Extension's Fruit & Vegetable Team, and provides support for the state's agricultural and horticultural industries through direct one-on-one consultation and through development programming for fruit and vegetable producers, and other agricultural businesses and organizations. Jeremy visited 29 farms or businesses with one-on-one consultations, 600 individuals received one-on-one consultation with Jeremy through email, phone conversations and in-office visits, and 1,290 individuals participated in programs taught by Jeremy.

- **Natural Resources**

Managing and protecting New Hampshire's natural resources is critical to our environment, quality of life, the tourism industry, and to ensure current and future economic opportunities. Our natural

resources team provides research, education, and stewardship throughout the state with a boots-on-the-ground approach, extending state-wide programs in forestry and wildlife, natural resource development, land and water conservation, and marine fisheries.

This year, over 556 Merrimack County residents received one-on-one education from woodlot visits, telephone calls, and e-mail correspondence. At least 972 Merrimack County residents participated in many educational events including: emerald ash borer educational workshops, geospatial technology training (GIS), NH Maple, NH Land Trust Coalition work, Saving Special Places Land Conservation conference, Speaking for Wildlife talks, Stewardship Network, woodlot visits, and forest management services. Volunteers from the NH Coverts project and the Natural Resource Stewards program contributed nearly 2,358 hours conserving and managing natural resources in Merrimack County.

- **Community & Economic Development**

Our Community and Economic Development team (CED) provides research-based education and assistance to individuals, families, businesses and communities to help identify opportunities to enhance their competitive advantage, build upon their assets, and create conditions that foster local and regional economic growth.

Over the last three years, the UNH Extension facilitated engagement efforts in the Merrimack County town of Franklin helped lead to the creation of four new businesses (employing five people) and enabled the city to leverage \$1,336,000 in grants and tax credits to build 45 new units of affordable housing for working families and seniors utilizing a vacant mill building. Other Merrimack County towns have participated in Extension facilitated Community Visioning, Business Retention and Expansion programs, and training for community-based volunteers. This fall, Jared Reynolds joined our county staff as a Community and Economic Development Field Specialist and has already met and has started working with many towns in our county.

- **4-H/Youth & Family**

Preparing youth to become caring and productive citizens is critical to New Hampshire's future. The research-based education and information we provide enhances the leadership and decision-making skills of NH youths and strengthens families. We provide educational resources for parents, families, and community-serving volunteers and professionals through innovative programs such as Youth Mental Health First Aid Training, as well as, through creative delivery methods, including web-based outreach, e-newsletter and train-the-trainer programs.

Merrimack County youth and volunteers participated in many 4-H youth development programs, including State and County Activities Days, Eastern States Exposition activities and competition, Teen Conference, county and state animal science shows, Barry Conservation Camp, Hopkinton State Fair, volunteer screening and training, and youth leadership/youth voice workshops. Merrimack County residents also participated in afterschool professional workshops, farm to school days, military family events and camps, and the Nutrition Connections programs for limited resource adults, families, refugees and youth.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the 13 community members from all over Merrimack County who served on our Advisory Council during the past year:

Commissioner Bronwyn Asplund-Walsh, Franklin  
Mindy Beltramo, Canterbury  
Lorrie Carey, Boscawen  
Mark Cowdrey, Andover  
Elaine Forst, Pittsfield  
Patrick Gilmartin, Concord

Ken Koerber, Dunbarton  
Paul Mercier, Canterbury  
Chuck & Diane Souther, Concord  
Mike Trojano, Contoocook  
Jennifer York, Warner  
State Representative Werner Horn, Franklin

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Turkey Trot in Town.  
Photo Courtesy Dennis Pavlicek

## **Police Department**

Another year has come and gone and the Police Department would like to thank each and every member of the community for their continued help and support. We would not be able to be as successful as we are in solving and preventing crime in Newbury without your help. This past year was a rather busy year for the department, which experienced some internal changes following the resignation of Robert Lee as Police Chief.

Bradley Wheeler was appointed Newbury Police Chief in October 2017. The department is currently seeking applications for both full and part-time police officers and anticipates being at full staff by the fall of 2018. The police department continues to provide police coverage to the town of Newbury twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. This means that anytime you call the police you should have a Newbury police officer who will respond and assist you, no matter the time of day you call.

All officers participated in mandatory training for the year and the plan is to provide more training to officers in various areas in the upcoming year. Training is crucial to keeping officers up-to-date with laws that are constantly being amended, or new laws being implemented in the state. Training ensures that you are receiving the very best level of policing from the department.

Regarding equipment in 2017, we received a generous donation from the Litchfield Police Department of three new weapons racks to be installed in the cruisers. This will allow officers immediate access to their long guns in the event of an emergency. There are also some computer updates and upgrades being made inside the department. Competitive Computer has been contracted to assist the department with any computer issues that may arise in the future and they have been a real asset to the department by keeping our computer support up and running at all times.

The department did see an increase in motor vehicle accidents this year. Most of these accidents are weather and animal related, but excessive speed was a factor as well. The department is spending more time enforcing motor vehicle law to assist in slowing down traffic.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or stop by the station. Again, we need your help to be as successful as possible. No matter what type of policing an agency utilizes, community policing fits in somewhere. We are able to better service the community with information that you provide us and we are always happy to listen. We thank you for your support and wish you a happy and healthy 2018.

*Bradley Wheeler*  
*Chief*

Officer Aaron Sparks  
Officer Thomas Harriman  
Officer Neill Cobb  
Deborah Lacombe, Administrative Assistant

**Newbury Police Department  
Calls For Service 2017**

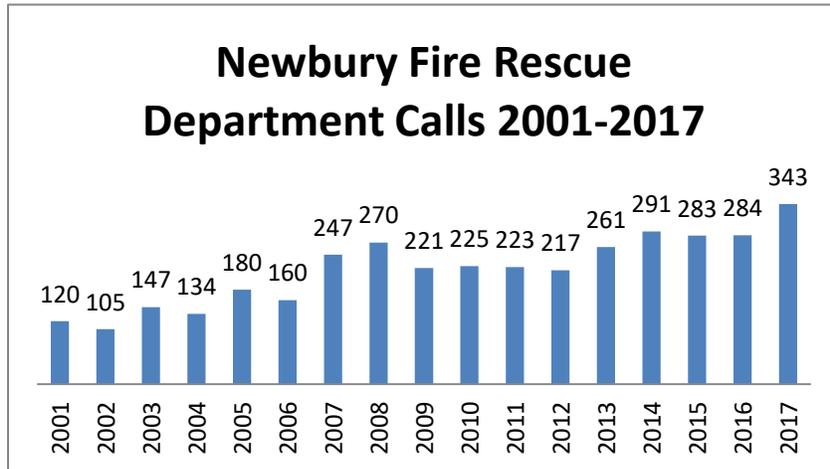
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Total</b>
Death/Suicide/Unattended	7
Assault/Sexual	8
Harassment	2
Criminal Threat	2
Criminal Trespass	2
Criminal Mischief	4
Burglary	3
Theft/Shoplifting	18
Theft - Auto	2
Fraud	9
Drugs/Possession	2
Property Lost	10
Property Found	26
Property Return	0
Domestic Dispute	11
Disturbance	1
Weapons Permits/Renewals	23
Shots Fired	7
Fireworks Violations	5
Harassing Communication	1
Disorderly Conduct	2
DUI - Drunk	6
Driving on Suspension/Revocation	1
Ride Along	1
VIN Inspection	22
Abandoned Vehicle	6
M/V Unlock	28
Road Hazard/Obstruction or Placing Snow/Debris on Road	48
Traffic Offense Warning	576
Traffic Offense Citation	56
Parking Violations/Town Ordinance	35
Criminal Citations	25
Motor Vehicle Check	21
MV/Traffic Complaint/Manner of Operation	55
Assist-Stranded Motorist	23
Traffic Crash/Fatal	0
Traffic Crash/Personal Injury/Property Damage	54
Traffic Crash/Non Reportable	19
Littering-Illegal Dumping	2
OHRV Complaints	2
Animal-Complaints	21
Animal-Cruelty/Vicious	5
Animal-Stray	38
Animal-Nuisance	15

Animal - Bite	0
Animal-Livestock Complaint	3
Animal-Wild	5
Unlicensed Dogs	27
Neighborhood Disputes	7
Noise Disturbance	26
Unwanted Subject	2
Assist-Fire/Police In-State/Out-of-State	107
Assist-Newbury Fire	42
Assist-Newbury Medical/Rescue	66
Assist-Town Office	2
Assist-Public Works/EOC	4
Assist-Social Service Agencies	3
Alarm	18
Alarm-Bank	2
Alarm-Business	12
Alarm-House/Public Building	77
911 Hang-up	17
Juvenile Complaint/Runaway	1
Citizen Requested Assistance	70
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Incident	56
Civil Issue/Stand by	31
Welfare Check	14
Open Door/Window/Gate	13
Public Relations-Talk or Lecture	15
Paperwork Relay	2
Paperwork Service	26
Warrant-Criminal/Civil	3
Sex Offender Registration	7
Protective Order (Violations)	3
Case Follow up	41
Selective Enforcement Request	116
Military Record Check	0
Fingerprints/School, INS	10
Police Information	160
House Check Request	143
Building Check-Business	735
Building Check-Public	1,016
Building Check-Residential	398

## Fire/Rescue Department

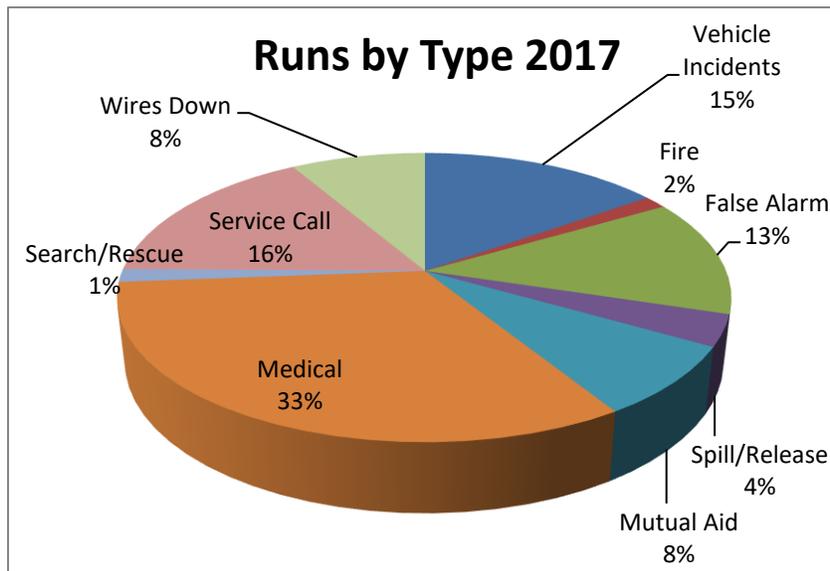
2017 was a record year for calls for service for the Newbury Fire/Rescue Department with a total of 343 calls, an average of 28 calls per month. This was 18% over the previous record year of 2014. It appears that 2018 will, again, be a busy year for the on-call fire department with no full time employees.

Below, the chart shows the steady growth in the number of calls for service since 2001, when there were just 120 all year.

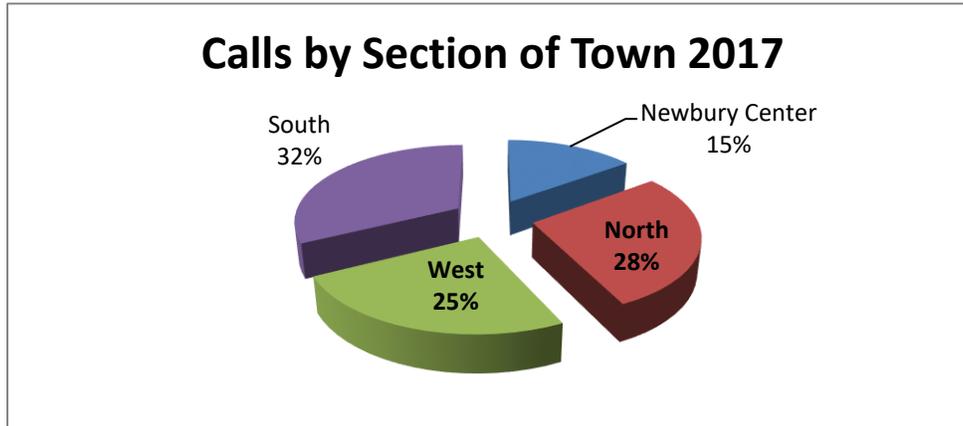


In 2017, the type of calls remained the same as in prior years with 33% medical calls, 16% service calls, and 15% vehicle accidents. The service calls were up this year because of the severe weather events we experienced throughout the year. The majority of incidents often have conditions requiring medical care or a sign-off to the involved parties, so the aspects of different medical training of all the firefighters comes into play.

The one type of call that our residents can help decrease is the False Alarms. Please have your house and business alarms serviced by your alarm company when due. If you do not have an alarm company, please check the dates on the alarm units and change the unit when due. Change the batteries twice a year. Next year help us reduce the number of times we are called out on False Alarms!



The department's response to the sections of Newbury was just about equal during 2017.



#### Payroll Breakdown

Calls for service actually account for less than half (49%) of the payroll hours for the department. Following is the breakdown of the department payroll hours:

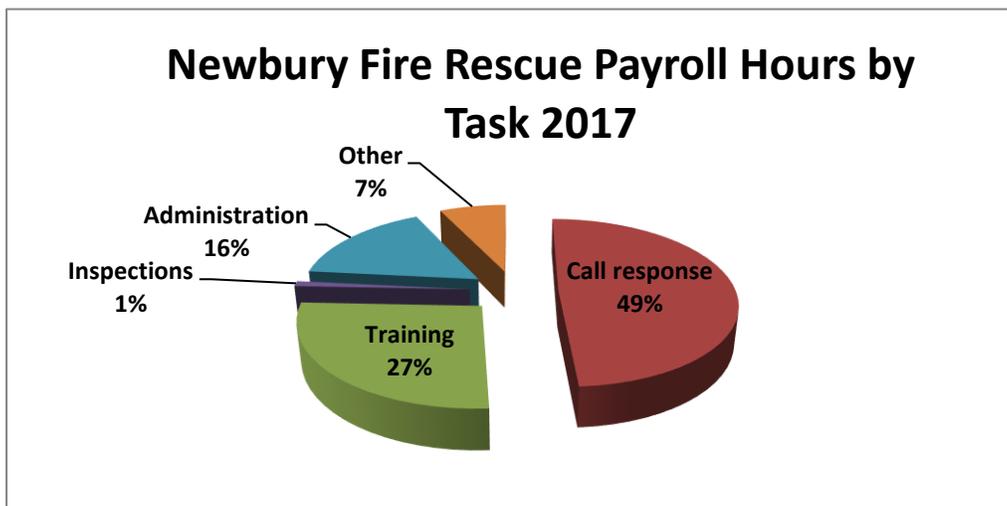
- Training: 27%. This ensures that department personnel maintain their EMS licenses and other fire skills.
- Administration: 16%. This includes reports required by the state, public information, purchasing and the issuance of permits.
- Inspections and other: 8%. This includes vehicle repair and building maintenance.

#### Non-emergency Duties

In addition to emergency calls, Newbury Fire Rescue non-emergency duties include:

- Inspections of new buildings, tents, bounce houses, playground equipment, and places of assembly.
- Inspections of residential and commercial heating equipment,
- Issuing outside burning and fireworks permits.
- Providing public safety details for fireworks displays, races and community events such as Old Home Day and the children's holiday party.

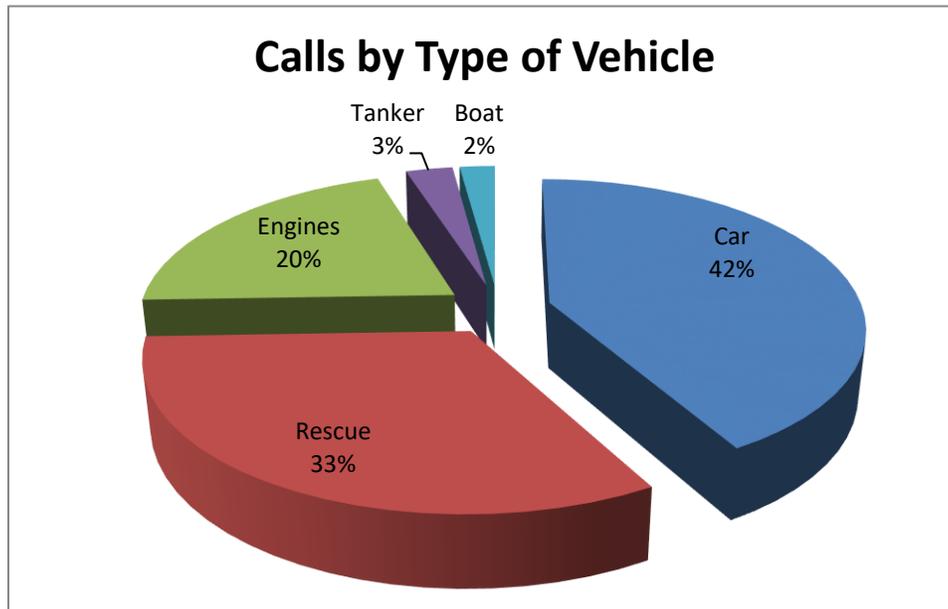
Department personnel represent Newbury as members of the NH Fire Chief's Association, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Kearsarge Mutual Aid District, Midwestern NH Hazardous Materials District, C5 EMS District, NH Fire Prevention Society, National Registry of EMTs, Society of Fire Protection Engineers, and American Society of Safety Engineers.



## Equipment

We often get questions about Newbury Fire Rescue equipment, specifically about the type of apparatus that responds to the calls for service. Here's a listing of what vehicle rolls out when a call comes in:

- The Fire Chief's Command SUV responds to the highest percentage of calls. In addition to transporting the chief, the SUV carries medical, firefighting and communications equipment and is able to reach the emergency scene more quickly than other apparatus. The SUV is also used for inspections, investigations, meetings and training.
- The Rescue Unit responds to the second highest percentage of calls. The Rescue unit responds to medical calls, traffic incidents, fires and search & rescue calls.
- The fire department engines responds to the third highest percentage of calls. The engines respond to all fire and alarm calls, traffic incidents, rescues, hazardous materials incidents, wires down, and medical calls.
- The tanker and fireboat are specialized units that respond less frequently. The tanker, whose primary purpose is to supply water for firefighting, also carries warning signs and serves as a warning vehicle for traffic incidents. The tanker also tows the Kubota ATV and forestry trailers. The fireboat responds when the lake is not frozen over to all fires and rescues on Lake Sunapee.



## Communications

In 2017, public information took on an even greater role with Newbury Fire Rescue. In addition to the department's website [www.newburyfd.org](http://www.newburyfd.org), the Newbury Fire Rescue Facebook page (launched in 2016) grew substantially in 2017, with several postings reaching thousands of followers. Whenever possible, photos and information on department calls is posted to Facebook within hours of the incident. The page also carries fire prevention and public safety information as well as department training and events.

In 2017, online applications for alarm permits and fireworks displays were enhanced. The process for the renewal of permits for residents who received permits in the past was streamlined so that inspections were not required. During the July 4<sup>th</sup> week, almost all of the fireworks permits were requested online and emailed to the applicant. The simplified online process reduced the number of unpermitted fireworks throughout town.

Newbury Fire Rescue also enhanced their communications capabilities with the installation of a tablet computer in Engine 4. This, along with the tablet in Rescue 1, last year provided computer communications

over the Active 911 system with New London Dispatch. It provides real time information on the location of responding units to a call. The tablets also store information on fire alarms, resident contacts, hazardous materials, building diagrams, emergency contacts, hydrant and landing zone locations, ice melting bubblers, and maps of hiking and snowmobile trails.

### **Training**

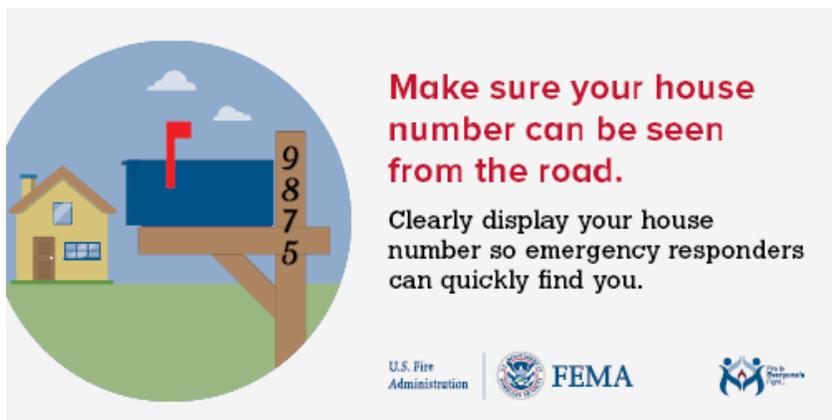
As noted above, training accounts for 27% of department payroll with a total of 50 different courses taken by fire department members. In 2017, this included 23 regularly scheduled in-house training sessions, two EMS conferences, two hazardous materials conferences, classes at the NH Fire Academy, training with other area departments and online and computer-based training classes. One firefighter was certified in Firefighter I and one continues in the fire science program at Southern Maine Community College. In January 2018, two firefighters were enrolled in the Firefighter 1 program and three others in an EMT program. During 2017, the department received a grant from the State of New Hampshire to purchase personnel protective equipment for active shooter medical task force response and specialized training was conducted.

### **Newbury Fire/Rescue Department Station**

Newbury Fire/Rescue worked with town officials throughout 2017 on the proposed new fire station. Chief Thomas was heavily involved in the planning process, working with the consultant and architect. Department members were active participants in the public information meetings that were held. The department utilized its public information resources to provide the community with information on the deficiencies of the old building and the current and future needs of the department.

### **Street Numbering Ordinance**

Please keep in mind that the Town of Newbury Street Numbering Ordinance requires that every home and business in Newbury has a street address posted that is visible from the road. This requirement ensures that emergency responders are able to locate a property in the event of a medical emergency, fire or other emergency. During the winter months, snow piles and other obstructions may block the view from the road of an address number on a building. This is a good time to take a look at your property from the road to confirm that the number can be seen. If you have difficulty seeing your house or business number, emergency responders will have difficulty finding you. The equation is simple: Help us to find you so we can help you in an emergency.



*Henry E. Thomas Jr.  
Fire Chief*

David Smith, Assistant Chief  
Nick Bibeau, Captain  
Mike Bascom, Ken Burnell, Tom Hinman, Lieutenants  
Wayne Whitford, Administration/Fire Prevention/EMS  
Mike Croteau, Mike Menino, Ed Thorson, Standing Committee



*Smokey the Bear with Caleb Foster on Old Home Day.  
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

## Forest Fire Warden

The 2017 spring and summer weather conditions were much more average than in the past two years. A good amount of rain in our area kept fire activity low. Drier conditions arrived in September and October but early snow in November reduced the fire danger. Wildland fire activity was low this year. However, we responded to a few out-of-town mutual aid requests, mainly to provide additional personnel. We did have one permitted fire in town which got out of control due to adverse weather conditions. It is best to keep in mind that weather conditions can change fast (especially wind) and it is the fire permit holder's responsibility to be able to control the fire they have kindled.

Permit requests were up again this year, especially for seasonal campfire permits. Please remember that all seasonal permits expired on December 31, 2017, and need to be renewed once the snow cover has gone. A written permit is required for all outside burning whenever the ground is not covered with snow.

This year as in the past, Newbury was well represented in "out of area" wildland suppression efforts. Special Deputy Mike Bascom was called upon to work the Dilly Cliff fire in Woodstock this fall. In July, firefighter DJ Smith spent almost three weeks with New Hampshire Crew #1 fighting fires in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. We thank them both for meeting the added requirements of training and physical conditioning, and giving their time. Every time someone returns from one of these assignments they bring back valuable knowledge and experience to share with our area departments.

Once again, I would like to thank the Fire Department members for their continued training efforts and response to wildland fire incidents. The Highway Department always helps in any way they can, and the Police Department are "eyes-in-the-field" for us. They offer the much-appreciated support of answering many questions from citizens along with helping them obtain permits. Lastly, I thank the deputy wardens for their additional training requirements and for writing permits.

If you have any questions about burning, please contact a deputy warden or you can contact me at (603) 938-5925.

*Dave Smith*  
*Warden*

Michael Bascom, John G. Croteau, Henry E. Thomas, Jr., Ed Thorson  
Deputy Wardens

## State Forest Ranger

We were fortunate to have favorable weather conditions during the 2017 spring and summer which limited the amount of wildland fire activity throughout the state. September and October saw fire conditions change and the state was faced with some difficult fires. The Dilly Cliff fire in North Woodstock was one of the most challenging fires we have seen in New Hampshire. Steep terrain and extreme fire behavior made this fire difficult to fight. It lasted for over three weeks and the final hotspots in inaccessible terrain were extinguished by heavy rains. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests.

The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping many fires small due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The fire detection efforts of the fire towers were supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high.

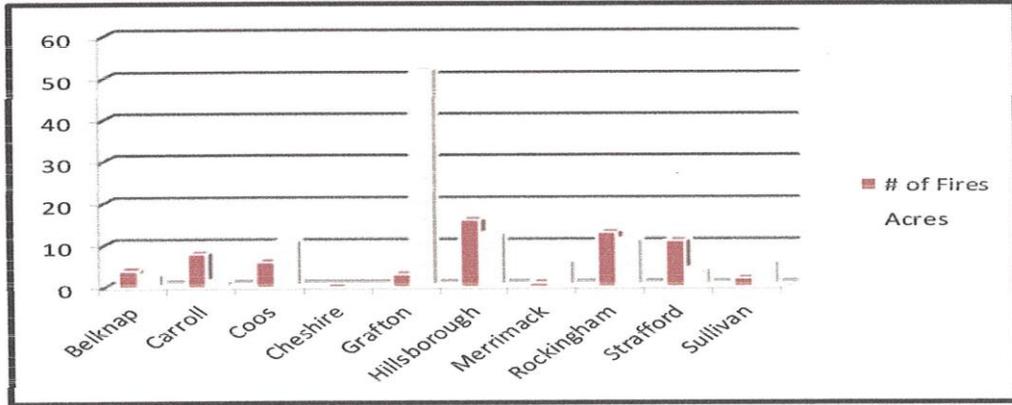
Many NH homes are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2017 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include:

- Keep your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles.
- Maintain adequate green space around your home.
- Keep your home free of flammable materials.
- Check out additional information and homeowner recommendations at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).
- Help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the NH Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

As we prepare for the 2018 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. **Under State law, (RSA 227-L: 17), a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow.** Fire permits are available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com).

The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact your local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503, or [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

**2017 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS**  
 (All fires reported as of December 2017)



<b>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</b>								
(These numbers do not include the WMNF)								
Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightening	Misc.*
0	7	11	1	4	0	4	0	37

**REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!**

<b>HISTORICAL DATA</b>		
YEAR	NUMBER of FIRES	ACRES BURNED
2017	64	107
2016	351	1090
2015	124	635
2014	112	72
2013	182	144
2012	318	206

## **Midwestern New Hampshire Regional Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District**

Newbury Fire Rescue continues to be very active with the Midwestern New Hampshire Regional Hazmat District. Two of the district's officers are members of the Newbury Fire Department.

In 2017, the district's supply truck (which carries spill containment and cleanup equipment) was relocated to Newbury and is housed in the former highway garage since there is no space for it in the fire station. During the year, the supply truck responded to incidents in town and district staffed by Newbury Fire Rescue personnel.

The district also received federal grants for hazardous materials diagnostic equipment, which is also housed in Newbury. This vehicle and equipment is a great resource to the town and is in our community at no cost to Newbury taxpayers.

Additional information on the district can be found on the district's website [www.midwesthazmat.org](http://www.midwesthazmat.org).

### **Midwestern New Hampshire Regional Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District Officers**

Assistant Chief Jeff Libbey, Lebanon Fire Department, Chair  
Chief Jay Fountain, Grantham Fire Department, Vice Chair  
Wayne Whitford, Newbury Fire Department, Secretary  
Chief Henry Thomas, Newbury Fire Department, Treasurer



*Bob's Beacon Marina, winner of "Light Up Newbury".  
Photo Courtesy Maureen Rosen*

## Code Enforcement Officer

First, thank you all for taking the extra time to meet with me prior to filing permits for your projects. The goal of pre-construction meetings is to create an efficient process throughout the project. I welcome emails containing your questions regarding any projects, no matter how large or small they may be.

Second, it was a very busy 2017.

### Permits Issued in 2017

Single Family Homes	9	Home Improvements	24	Additions	4
Docks	10	Sheds	7	Barns	2
Decks	8	Garages	11	Porches	2
Commercial Alteration	1	Commercial	1	Demolition	3
Pools	1	Solar Installations	2	Signs	2
Boat Houses	2	Alteration	24	Generator	2
Misc.	82				
(Electric, Plumbing, HVAC)					

**Total Number of Permits: 196**

**Note:** Please call (603) 763-4940 ext. 203 to schedule a final inspection of your project prior to receiving your Certificate of Occupancy. Please reference the permit number when calling for all inspections. **Remember, the project is not considered completed without a Certificate of Occupancy or a Certificate of Completion. That means no use of the project is allowed and fines and penalties could be assessed if you are in violation of unauthorized use.**

Proper planning and establishing expectations for all projects will ensure a smooth job from start to finish. Please take a few moments to call and schedule an informal meeting with me prior to commencing any construction project that may require a building permit.

### Project Planning Tips

- Permits are required for all sheds, whether permanently affixed to the ground or not.
- There is no charge for permits for sheds on blocks or for sheds that are 120 square feet or less.
- Permits are required for any change to the original plumbing or electric system. However, you do not need a permit if you are simply changing a plumbing fixture or a light switch.
- New heating systems, replacement heating systems, and all central fire and burglar systems need permits - otherwise a fine will be issued. Permits can be obtained from the Fire Department, Chief Hank Thomas at (603) 938-5346, or by emailing [newburyc1@aol.com](mailto:newburyc1@aol.com). Copies of permits are available at the Town Office.

### Additional Project Considerations

- Shoreland protection permits, wetland permits, buffer zone development, and storm water management plans are critical and integral components to project planning.
- Preservation of Newbury lakes, ponds, streams and wetlands are a priority and require thorough consideration during the project planning process.
- **Newbury and the State** have strict guidelines on **tree cutting and pruning** – particularly in the waterfront buffer and woodland buffer zone around lakes and ponds. If unauthorized cutting or pruning occurs without authorization, a property owner may face Town and state fines and penalties.

- Article 21, Section 21.4.4 of the Newbury Zoning Ordinance: If working in a shoreland or waterfront and a Stormwater Management plan is required, “A schedule for the ongoing inspection and maintenance by the landowner of all permanent stormwater management measures after completion of construction” must be provided to the town in paper and in electronic format.
- Please review our Zoning Regulations and Building Regulations for best practices regarding work in and around our lakes, ponds, rivers, streams or wetland areas. Depending on the scope of work, some projects may require certification of inspections and process of all land improvements during and after completion before a Certificate of Occupancy can be issued.

I look forward to assisting all contractors and landowners in Newbury as we work together to achieve a positive, constructive and successful approach to any and all projects requiring a permit.

*Jack D. Shephard*  
*Code Enforcement Officer*

## **Emergency Management**

It was an active year for Newbury's Emergency Management due to the number of storm systems throughout 2017. Emergency Management is supported by Newbury Fire Rescue in the administration of the Weather Emergency Contact List program. The list is made up of elderly or disabled Newbury residents who may not have transportation, or may need other assistance in the event of a severe storm or power failure.

In the event of a weather emergency, telephone calls are made to the individuals on the list to confirm that they are all right. If the person cannot be reached by phone, a Newbury Fire rescue vehicle is sent to the residence to check on the person. If the person is not at home, follow-up calls are made to secondary contacts on the list.

Although the program has been in existence for a number of years, this was the first year that calls and wellbeing checks had to be made. In most cases, the people on the list were very appreciative of the call and the service that was provided.

If you, or a relative, would like to be added to the Weather Emergency Contact List, please send an email with your information to [newburyfire@gmail.com](mailto:newburyfire@gmail.com).

*Wayne R. Whitford*  
*Emergency Management Director*

## **Joint Loss Management Committee**

The Town of Newbury Joint Loss Management Committee (JLMC) continues to meet on a bi-monthly basis. The committee, which is required by the NH Department of Labor of all employers, is made up of representatives from both management and staff of all town departments. The committee meets to discuss worker injuries and the prevention of conditions that could result in employee injuries or injuries to members of the public.

2017 was the first year with our new property and liability insurance company, Primex. The Joint Loss Management Committee brought a Primex-certified playground inspector to evaluate the town playgrounds, parks and town dock. The consultant produced a report following his inspection that found our recreation areas to be in generally good condition. However, some recommendations were made for maintenance and equipment updates. All of the recommendations were addressed by the town. Primex also had training available for town employees, such as the Stevens emergency vehicle driver course. Several employees took the safety classes.

*Wayne R. Whitford  
Chair*



*Boats on the lake awaiting Newbury's spectacular Old Home Day fireworks.  
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

## Highway Department

The number of weather events during the 2017 winter months (November - May) were almost doubled over the previous year. Beginning on November 21, 2016 thru May 14, 2017, we had 72 events which required the Highway Department to plow and/or sand the roads using approximately 3,800 cubic yards (CY) of sand.

Along with our usual duties of snow removal, grading, culvert replacement, ditching, sweeping and mowing, the Highway Department accomplished the following:

- Installed several hundred feet of underdrain on Bowles Road and Chalk Pond Road.
- Resurfaced approximately 3,400 feet of Rollins Road using 1,026 tons of hard pak.
- Reclaimed and paved Mountain Road from the bridge at Lake Solitude trail head to Route 103, which is approximately 6,580 feet.
- Replaced the guardrails on the second and third bridges on Mountain Road.
- Repaved sections of Park Ten Road, and shimmed 1,864 feet on Bowles Road and 1,750 feet on Chalk Pond Road. These projects were funded by \$104,000 of block grant money received by the town.
- Replaced several hundred feet of culverts at various locations in town.
- Continued the never-ending task of removing rocks from roads.

There were two areas of concern on Mountain Road this year where approximately 725 feet of road runs in very close proximity to the brook. We addressed both areas by removing material from many years of grading and plowing, and then seeding and stabilizing banks with an erosion control blanket. Then, we installed retention areas and stone lined water ways, and checked dams.

Winter sand is still available at the old Highway Shed on Sutton Road for all town residents.

As always, my sincere thanks to the residents for all their support, the Highway Department staff for their continued hard work, the Selectboard, and the Town Office staff.

*Cal Prussman*  
*Highway Administrator*

## **Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Facility**

The Blodgett Landing Wastewater Treatment Plant had a good year in 2017. Nitrate and ammonia levels remained steady throughout the year at the below-state-limit levels. Ongoing testing for Ph nitrates and ammonia was conducted on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. State levels for both substances are 10 mg/l (10 milligrams per liter).

I would like to thank Mary Thayer and the Highway Department for their continued assistance throughout the year.

*Tim Mulder  
Chief Operator*



*The Center Meeting House.  
Photo Courtesy Maureen Rosen*

## Health Officer

2017 was a fairly quiet year for the Newbury Health Officer. At the end of the year, the most significant health issue facing New Hampshire was influenza, which affected many residents. Flu clinics were held by the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurses at two locations in Newbury during the fall. Information on the flu and other public health issues is provided by the Newbury Health Officer on the Health Officer's page of the town website [www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org).

Wayne Whitford, Newbury Health Officer, serves as Vice President of the NH Health Officer's Association and represents Newbury as a member of the Greater Sullivan County Public Health Network

*Wayne R. Whitford  
Health Officer*



*Brad Wheeler being sworn in as Newbury's Police Chief.  
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

## **Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice**

On behalf of the staff and volunteers of Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA), thank you for the opportunity to provide home health and hospice services, personal care, and community health programs in Newbury.

Our core Mission is to provide care for individuals and families in home and community settings and enable people to stay in their homes for as long as possible. This commitment has not wavered even though health care continues to change and become more complex. We are currently in the final stages of our 2017 Community Health Needs Assessment, a vital process that helps us identify and have an impact on some of the most pressing health care needs of our region. Our Board of Directors remains committed, to the best of our ability, to serve those in need regardless of insurance coverage or financial circumstances.

I am proud to report that, for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2017, LSRVNA served Newbury in the following ways:

- Residents were provided with over 3,000 hours of nursing, therapy and in-home supportive care.
- Residents received free or reduced fee in-home nursing, therapy and social work visits. Visits were also provided under various Medicaid programs (NH Medicaid reimburses at less than 60% of visit costs).
- Residents received visits through our hospice program and were able to live their life as they wished at home. After the death of their loved one, families receive 14 months of bereavement support and counseling, at no cost.
- Residents utilized our foot care, flu and blood pressure clinics as well as parent/child bereavement and other support groups.

Our talented staff are dedicated not only to individual health and well-being, but also to fostering community support and involvement, which empowers residents to help their friends and neighbors. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any way we may be of service to you, your loved ones or your Town's residents.

Our vision is to be the leading provider of home care services in the region, to be the best place to work and volunteer, and to remain an adaptive and enduring presence. This vision is only possible with support and confidence such as yours. Thank you.

*Jim Culhane*  
*President & CEO*

## **New London Hospital**

In 2017, New London Hospital (NLH) continued to offer a broad array of local health care services to its 15-town coverage area, including Newbury.

We were pleased to welcome the following new providers to our medical staff: Nicholas Gorham, MD, Emergency Department; John Malcom, MD, Family Medicine; Ashley Warner, MD, Family Medicine; and Rebecca Wood, MD, Internal Medicine.

Services from Dartmouth-Hitchcock providers were added as needed to supplement the work of our NLH-employed providers including the addition of Lawrence Dargosa, MD, Urology; James Dolan, DMP, Podiatry (also seeing patients in Newport); Bert Fichman, MD, Pain Management; Timothy Lin, MD, Orthopaedics; Sarah Seo, MD, Otolaryngology, and three general surgeons: Michael Paul, MD, Herman Sigbjarnarson, MD, and Lauren Wilson, MD. In addition, we welcomed two new students from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine to complete their third-year of clinical training at NLH and our Newport Health Center (NHC).

### **2017 Highlights**

The following appointments and recognitions were received by our organization and its leaders in 2017:

- New London Hospital and the community of New London were recognized for attaining the “NH HeartSafe Community” status by the NH Department of Safety and the American Heart Association.
- Catherine Bardier, NLH Wellness and Community Health Director, was appointed to serve on the Governor's Council on Physical Activity and Health (NH Moves).
- For a second consecutive year, NLH achieved Gold Level recognition from the American Heart Association for taking significant steps to build a culture of health in the workplace.
- The Radiology department was re-designated a Diagnostic Imaging Center of Excellence™ (DICOE) by the American College of Radiology (ACR). NLH remains the only hospital in New Hampshire (and one of 296 facilities in the country) to achieve the DICOE. This distinction was first awarded to NLH in 2014.
- The Baker Memorial Laboratory at NLH achieved reaccreditation from the College of American Pathologists. The accreditation programs are based on rigorous accreditation requirements that help laboratories achieve the highest standards of excellence and positively impact patient care.
- NLH welcomed Shari Bostwick to her new role as Vice President of Human Resources; Lisa Cohen, CPA, to her new role as Chief Financial Officer; and Barbara Mahar to her new role as Vice President of the New London Hospital Medical Group.

We again hosted many community and fundraising events, most notably:

- The 93rd annual Hospital Days celebration that brought nearly a full week of events to New London. The event concluded with the 34th annual Triathlon.
- Our 14th Annual Golf Invitational was held at Montcalm Golf Club in Enfield, raising more than \$30,000 to support the NLH mission to deliver high quality, compassionate care to thousands of patients in our communities.
- We held our 12th Annual Benefit fundraiser at the Newport Opera House, raising funds in support of lifesaving emergency medical equipment for both NLH and NHC.
- The fourth annual John H. Ohler, MD Community Health Lecture was presented at Colby-Sawyer College by H. Gilbert Welch MD, MPH Professor of Medicine for the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice. Dr. Ohler spoke on *Less Medicine, More Health - 7 Assumptions that Drive Too Much Medical Care*.

Other significant happenings throughout the year included:

- The one-year anniversary celebration of the opening of the *new* Newport Health Center.
- The grand opening of the Hospital Community Trail, a one-mile trail with entrances connected to the hospital parking lot.
- The awarding of sunscreen dispensers from the Melanoma Foundation of New England to the Town of New London, in partnership with NLH's Wellness Connection.
- The kickoff of the first *Healthy Weight and Wellness* series at Newport Health Center. During the year, five sessions were held and 75 residents from 17 towns (including Newbury) benefited from this free program.
- Through a generous donation from the Sparks Family of New London, NLH acquired a Baldwin Grand Piano which allowed the hospital to create a performing arts program to further promote health and well-being.

We concluded fiscal year 2017 with an operating loss, partially offset by charitable gifts and investment income.

As 2017 came to a close, we found ourselves saying farewell to two physicians as they retired after more than 80 years of combined service. Dr. Jack Kirk and Dr. Stephen Jordan have played a vital role in the advancement of health care delivery and have set a new standard for younger physicians as they care for future generations. We will be honoring these beloved doctors in the spring of 2018 with a farewell celebration.

We also look forward to commemorating New London Hospital's centennial anniversary in 2018 and celebrating all who have made the past 100 years possible. Thank you to Town residents, families and guests who chose to receive care from us in 2017. Additional thanks goes out to all volunteers, generous donors, dedicated staff, and all others from Newbury who supported our mission in the past year.

*Bruce P. King*  
*President and CEO*

**Community Action Program (CAP)  
Kearsarge Valley Area Center**

Services provided to Newbury residents in 2017:

**Emergency Food Pantries** provide up to five days of food for people facing a temporary food crisis. Value: \$5.00 per meal.

**Fuel Assistance** is available to income-eligible households to help with energy costs during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled.

**Electric Assistance** program is a statewide program funded by all electric rate payers which provides a specific tier of discount from 9% to 77% on electric bills for income-eligible households.

**Weatherization** is a program that improves the energy efficiency of income-eligible households and includes furnace replacement, water heater replacement, and roof repair.

**Neighbor Helping Neighbor** provides emergency energy assistance up to \$300 for those not eligible for fuel assistance.

**CAP Information and Referral** provides utility, landlord/tenant, legal and health counseling as well as referrals for housing, transportation and other life concerns.

<b>Service Description</b>	<b>Units of Service</b>		<b>Households/ Persons</b>	<b>Value</b>
Emergency Food Pantries	Meals	410	Persons 82	\$2,050.00
Fuel Assistance	Applications	37	Persons 93	\$30,150.00
Electric Assistance			Households 36	\$15,356.85
Weatherization	Homes	0	Persons 0	\$0
Neighbor Helping Neighbor	Grants	2		\$200
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$47,756.85</b>

*Erin Reed  
Area Director*

## **Family Services**

Family Services had another busy year in 2017. Assistance was granted to 14 families who applied and met the Newbury guidelines. Assistance is requested for a variety of reasons, but the most frequent are to prevent eviction, disconnects for electricity, and lack of heat.

For the last few years, I have worked closely with Kearsarge Regional Ecumenical Ministries (KREM) in New London. If a family in need does not meet the town's requirements, often KREM can help out with assistance. I find them to be kind, caring and extremely efficient.

As always, my thanks goes out to the many residents and organizations that help supply those in need with necessary food and clothing. Included in the list are: the ongoing food box at the Newbury Lake Sunapee Bank, the "Care and Share Day" at Mount Sunapee, the cold weather drive, food items donated by the Center Meeting House, and all the other ways that the community steps forward to help. We greatly appreciate all you have done. This is definitely a group effort and we are thankful for all of you for contributing to those in need.

This was the 11<sup>th</sup> year for the "Giving Tree" in the Town Office. It was a big success. Once again, the extreme generosity of the Newbury residents resulted in ensuring that a Christmas wish came true for a child. These gifts were distributed at the same time as the Christmas baskets and it is always a joy to watch the parents when they receive their baskets. A special "thank you" to the two "elves" and their husbands who could be seen sneaking around the "Giving Tree", making sure that no child was left out.

In coordination with the South Newbury Union Church, 30 Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets were distributed to needy families in Newbury this year. Because of the generous residents who donated to the tree, each family was able to receive a much needed gift certificate to Market Basket along with their baskets. The diligent, compassionate people of the South Newbury Union Church are to be commended for making all this possible. They never seem to get tired.

I would be remiss not to mention the many phone calls that I received from individuals, families, organizations, clubs, committees and businesses interested in volunteering and donating time, food, trees and holiday presents for those families in Newbury with a need. My thanks to you all.

Over the years, I have come to understand that New Englanders are proud people who find it difficult to ask for help. With that in mind, if you know of a situation where someone is in need, please call the Newbury Town Office at (603) 763-4940 and leave a message for me. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

No question about it, Newbury residents excel in compassion and generosity! I am very proud to be part of this community and I thank you all for your help and support throughout the year.

*Gail Bostic*  
*Family Services Director*

## **Kearsarge Area Council on Aging**

The Kearsarge Area Council on Aging (COA) remains at the forefront of community-based service to active older adults through its role as a community convener, leader and centerpiece of senior services. Utilizing its optimism and positive approach to aging, COA serves nine Kearsarge area communities with a unique brand of services, programs and activities. We are very active in the nine towns we are honored to serve, doing so with pride, dignity and respect.

### **Our Vision**

We strive to continually develop and forge a community of seniors bound together by a high quality of life and healthy aging. We continue to be the focal point for older adults who depend on us to support their independence, help them find their sense of purpose, and create opportunities for seniors to help seniors. We serve the communities of Newbury, Danbury, Springfield, Wilmot, Sutton, Andover, New London, Grantham and Sunapee.

### **2017 Highlights**

It was a busy and productive year that included the following accomplishments:

- A written three-year strategic plan to meet the emerging needs of seniors who reside in the 329.3 square miles of largely rural communities served by COA. The plan includes five major goals:
  1. To improve the use and functionality of the Chapin Senior Center property.
  2. To meet the current and emerging needs of seniors.
  3. To enhance and expand our relationships with volunteers.
  4. To further develop the COA marketing and development efforts.
  5. To strengthen COA's operations.
- The addition of more program offerings, including providing community lunches, exciting field trips, thought-provoking lectures and book discussions, and therapeutic programs like meditation, chair massage, and Tai Chi.
- Over 50 programs/activities offered to 16,428 participants and supported by a lean budget just over \$200,000.
- The assistance of hundreds of volunteers to augment the budget, resulting in a total of 6,452 volunteer hours.

Volunteers continue to be the backbone of the COA's effectiveness, providing guidance and support as trustees, front desk assistants, program coordinators, and data entry clerks. The popular COA Transportation exemplifies the importance of our dedicated volunteers. In 2017, volunteer drivers transported people throughout our region for 28,779 miles. These statistics don't include the hundreds of hours spent by front desk volunteers on call intake, driver scheduling, program management, and reporting. Our community-based programs are open to our 2,800 members.

COA is very grateful for its town partners, volunteers, members, donors, business sponsors, and staff. Together we help provide support aimed at establishing and maintaining high levels of health and well-being for its senior neighbors.

*Kelley Keith*  
*Executive Director*

## Old Home Day

Memories were made at Old Home Day 2017 as Newbury's signature annual event unfolded on a beautiful day of great weather and top-notch activities. From the beginning of the day through the last sparkle of fireworks peppered the sky, the town center was bustling with happy people enjoying the day.

A sampling of the day's activities included Red Trousers and Kilted Colin performing exciting tricks and stunts at Town Office that kept the crowd on their toes. A magician and flying dogs performed and surprised the crowd with their tricks. There was a photo booth where you and your friends could take silly selfies.

And, there were animals. There were kissing puppies, a petting farm with baby goats, and bunnies. Children and their families enjoyed train rides, boat rides, bounce houses, climbing walls, and having their pictures taken in the fire truck and highway grader. The craft fair, art show, and WWII reenactment group were on hand to round out the wide sampling of activities. The library had a book sale and Trout Unlimited had a table filled with lots of interesting information.

Taste buds were tantalized and satisfied with a host of food choices – empanadas, wood fired pizza, burgers, sausage and peppers, chicken fingers, and lots more. There was something for everyone. As early evening approached, the Human Knot wowed the crowd before Draw the Line took the stage and had the crowd on their feet dancing. Finally, to end the night, we had a wonderful display of fireworks over the lake.

I want to thank all those who helped make Old Home Day 2017 a success. As always it was a memorable, fun-filled day that reminded us all of the wonderful town we get to call home.

*Pam Bryk  
Administrative Assistant*



*Alakazam performing show stopping tricks  
in the harbor.  
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*



New Hampshire  
Department of  
Revenue  
Administration

**2017**  
**\$15.71**

## Tax Rate Breakdown Newbury

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$2,797,985	\$734,235,931	<b>\$3.81</b>
County	\$2,077,299	\$734,235,931	<b>\$2.83</b>
Local Education	\$5,011,463	\$734,235,931	<b>\$6.83</b>
State Education	\$1,637,550	\$729,526,331	<b>\$2.24</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,524,297</b>		<b>\$15.71</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Lake Todd Village	\$22,854	\$16,094,345	<b>\$1.42</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,854</b>		<b>\$1.42</b>

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$11,524,297
War Service Credits	(\$71,000)
Village District Tax Effort	\$22,854
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>\$11,476,151</b>

 Stephan Hamilton Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	10/11/2017
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## Appropriations and Revenues

### Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$4,396,054	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$1,544,366)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$800)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$152,000)
War Service Credits	\$71,000	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$28,097	
<b>Net Required Local Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$2,797,985</b>	

### County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$2,077,299	
<b>Net Required County Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$2,077,299</b>	

### Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$6,649,013	
Net Education Grant		\$0
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$1,637,550)
<b>Net Required Local Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$5,011,463</b>	
State Education Tax	\$1,637,550	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
<b>Net Required State Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$1,637,550</b>	

## Valuation

### Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$734,235,931	\$724,274,038
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$729,526,331	\$719,590,538

### Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year
Lake Todd Village	\$16,094,345

**Town Warrant  
State of New Hampshire – 2018**

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 11:00 a.m. TO 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newbury in the County of Merrimack in said state qualified to vote in the town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Office Building in said Newbury on Tuesday, the thirteen (13) day of March, next at eleven of the clock in the morning, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
2. Shall we allow the operation of Keno games within the Town of Newbury.
3. To vote on amendments to the existing zoning ordinance.

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1:**

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 to the Zoning Ordinance* proposes to amend **SECTION 5.2 DISTRICT BOUNDARIES** of the Residential District to add the Blodgett Landing Cottage District and the Mt. Sunapee Recreation District as areas lying outside the Residential District.

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

**RATIONALE:**

The primary purpose of this amendment is to clarify that there are two additional primary underlying zoning districts whose area is not included in the boundaries of the Residential District. These include the Blodgett Landing Cottage District and the Mt. Sunapee Recreation District.

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Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Newbury Zoning Ordinance?

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2:**

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 2 to the Zoning Ordinance* proposes to amend **ARTICLE 7 Shoreland District** to add Hemlock Brook to **SECTION 7.3.2.**

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

**RATIONALE:**

The purpose of this amendment is to add Hemlock Brook to the list of streams protected under the Shoreland Overlay District. Hemlock Brook originates off the south side of Mt. Sunapee flowing south between Mountain Road and Brown Road then turning east and connecting with the West Branch of the Warner River in Bradford.

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Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Newbury Zoning Ordinance?

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3:**

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 3 to the Zoning Ordinance* proposes to amend **ARTICLE 4 Business District** to provide more clarity on the boundaries of the Business District.

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

**RATIONALE:**

The primary purpose of this amendment is to provide a clearer description of the boundaries of the three (3) existing Business Districts along Route 103.

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Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Newbury Zoning Ordinance?

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 4:**

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 4 to the Zoning Ordinance* proposes to amend **ARTICLE 7 Shoreland Overlay District** to agree with legislation enacted in 2017.

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

**RATIONALE:**

The purpose of this amendment is to revise the **ARTICLE 7 Shoreland Overlay District** to comply with new 2017 State legislation pertaining to reducing the width of buffer segments used in the calculation of the vegetative point score in the waterfront buffer from 50 feet to 25 feet and proportionally reducing the minimum combined vegetation score from 50 points to 25 points.

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Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Newbury Zoning Ordinance?

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 5:**

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 5 to the Zoning Ordinance* proposes to amend **ARTICLE 7 Shoreland Overlay District** to amend the description of equipment that is prohibited from being used for selective cutting in the 50-foot waterfront buffer, delete Section 7.7.2.6 pertaining to mechanical timber harvesting and delete the definition of Mechanical Timber Harvesting in **ARTICLE 2**.

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

**RATIONALE:**

The purpose of this amendment is to more clearly describe the equipment that is prohibited from being used for selective tree cutting in the 50-foot waterfront buffer zone.

The Town shall recess the business portion of the meeting until Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Sunapee Spruce Lodge – second floor – off Route 103 in Newbury.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,600,000 for the design and construction and the original equipping of a new Fire Department Building located beside the Veteran’s Memorial and related site work, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$3,600,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officers to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereof. The Selectboard recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required)

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,974,667.00 for general operations:

<b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>2018</b>
Executive	\$224,511	5,180	229,691
Elections	5,471	5,072	10,543
Financial Administration	591,507	51,449	642,956
Legal Expenses	23,000	0	23,000
Personnel Administration	5,200	-200	5,000
Planning	69,270	-18,614	50,656
Zoning	18,221	343	18,564
General Government Buildings	67,885	-1,493	66,392
Cemeteries	24,025	1,000	25,025
Insurance	83,513	-8,855	74,658
Other General Government	13,500	-200	13,300
Police Department	519,816	17,866	537,682
Fire Department	214,783	1,766	216,549
Forest Fire	1,092	15	1,107
Code Enforcement	41,170	4,073	45,243
Emergency Management	6,917	-500	6,417
Highway Maintenance	722,254	-11,028	711,226
Highway Reconstruction	225,000	5,000	230,000
Street Lighting	7,000	0	7,000
Transfer Station	320,711	-14,580	306,131
Health Agencies	66,432	2,320	68,752
Welfare	23,269	0	23,269
Information Booth	7,570	128	7,698
Parks and Recreation	110,080	2,026	112,106
Library	198,404	10,553	208,957
Conservation Commission	3,463	51	3,514
Historical Society	1,000	0	1,000
Tax Anticipation Notes	100	0	100
Sewer Department	279,961	9,318	289,279
Bond/Note Principal	0	0	0
Bond/Note Interest	0	0	0
Safety Communication Services	35,052	3,800	38,852
Capital Outlay	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,910,177</b>	<b>64,490</b>	<b>3,974,667</b>

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$271,000 to be placed in the following previously established capital reserve funds: (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority vote required)

FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$ 150,000
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	\$ 110,000
RECREATION FACILITIES	\$ 11,000

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$133,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established: (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority vote required)

DOCKS	\$ 12,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$ 6,000
TOWN BUILDINGS	\$ 30,000
MILFOIL CONTROL	\$ 5,000
FD PERSONAL PROTECTION	\$ 5,000
PAVING	\$ 75,000

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,408 for the purchase of a one-ton truck with dump body, plow and sander and to offset that amount with the trade-in of the 2011 one-ton pickup with approximate trade-in value of \$18,000 and to authorize the withdrawal of \$45,408 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority vote required)

9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$400 to be placed in the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund and authorize the transfer of \$400 from the December 31, 2017 undesignated fund balance for this purpose. Said sum represents the sale of cemetery lots in the prior fiscal year. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority vote required)

10. To see if the Town shall vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit. If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged, or an office honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28.

11. To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing RSA 31:19-a Paving Expendable Trust Fund to a RSA 31:19-a Expendable Trust Fund for highway maintenance which can be utilized for paving and gravel materials. The Selectboard shall be named agents to expend. The Town does not expect to place more than \$300,000 in this fund which will be used for emergency repairs and increased costs for those supplies if the budget amounts need to be supplemented. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (2/3 vote required)

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,100 for a 2018 Ford Explorer Fire Department Command Vehicle equipped with radio, lighting and striping and furthermore to offset this amount by trade/auction of the existing 2010 fire command vehicle, estimated to be \$5,000 and authorize the withdrawal of \$30,100 from the fire equipment capital reserve fund. The amount to be expended out of the capital reserve will be the difference between the trade/auction amount and the total cost of the vehicle. (Recommended by the Selectboard) (Majority vote required)

13. To see if the Town will vote to accept the rest of Meadow Road (1.14 miles) and all of Woodbine Road (0.27 miles) in the South View subdivision. Subject to approval of the Selectboard. (By Petition)

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

**Newbury Selectboard**

\_\_\_\_\_ Edward Thorson, Chair  
\_\_\_\_\_ Russell Smith  
\_\_\_\_\_ Joy Nowell

February 21, 2018 Date Posted

## Notes

**Budget and Comparative Statement of Expenditures**  
**for**  
**The Town of Newbury, NH**  
**Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year**  
**January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018**

<u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>	<u>Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual Expenditures Prior Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year</u>
<b>RSA 32:3v</b>			
<b>General Government</b>			
Executive	224,511	219,276	229,691
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	5,471	3,445	10,543
Financial Administration	591,507	588,088	642,956
Legal Expenses	23,000	68,021	23,000
Personnel Administration	5,200	5,430	5,000
Planning	69,270	62,423	50,656
Zoning	18,221	15,825	18,564
General Government Buildings	67,885	103,112	66,392
Cemeteries	24,025	28,521	25,025
Insurance	83,513	59,845	74,658
Other General Government	13,500	13,169	13,300
<b>Public Safety</b>			
Police Department	519,816	488,192	537,682
Fire Department	215,875	211,428	217,656
Code Enforcement & Inspection	41,170	30,669	45,243
Emergency Management	6,917	4,997	6,417
Safety Communications Services	35,052	31,644	38,852
<b>Highway</b>			
Administration/Maintenance/Construction	947,254	889,968	941,226
Street Lighting	7,000	6,808	7,000
<b>Sanitation</b>			
Solid Waste Collection	176,911	163,691	160,031
Solid Waste Disposal	119,600	108,953	120,600
Solid Waste Recycling	24,200	25,105	25,500
<b>Health</b>			
Health/Community/School Programs	66,432	66,432	68,752
<b>Welfare</b>			
Administration & Direct Assistance	23,269	17,960	23,269
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation</b>			
Parks & Recreation	110,080	123,384	112,106
Library	198,404	197,215	208,957
Other	8,570	7,062	8,698

<u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>	<u>Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual Expenditures Prior Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year</u>
<b>Conservation Commission</b>			
Administration & Operations	3,463	2,760	3,514
<b>Debt Service</b>			
Principal: Long Term Bonds & Notes	0	0	0
Interest: Long Term Bonds & Notes	0	0	0
Interest: Tax Anticipation Notes	100	0	100
Bond Issuance Costs	0	0	0
<b>Capital Outlay</b>			
Land	0	0	0
Improvements – bridges and study	62,125	60,714	0
Machinery/Vehicles /Equipment	33,952	33,953	98,508
Buildings	50,000	38,170	3,600,000
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>			
To Special Revenue Fund	279,961	276,173	289,279
To Capital Reserve Fund	211,000	211,000	271,000
To Expendable Trust Funds	128,800	128,800	133,400
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>4,396,054</b>	<b>4,292,233</b>	<b>8,077,575</b>

<u>Revenue Source</u>	<b>Revenue</b>		
	<u>2017 Revenue Estimate</u>	<u>2017 Actual Revenue</u>	<u>2018 Revenue Estimate</u>
<b>Taxes</b>			
Land Use Change Taxes	20,000	25,295	20,000
Yield Taxes	15,000	4,801	10,000
Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	26,000	26,720	26,000
Other Taxes	9,500	12,551	12,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	85,000	79,882	85,000
Excavation Activity Tax	500	99	500
<b>Licenses/Permits &amp; Fees</b>			
Business Licenses & Permits	1,000	1,160	1,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	500,000	497,048	515,000
Building Permits	30,000	35,942	30,000
Other Licenses/Permits & Fees	5,000	24,759	25,000
<b>From State</b>			
Shared Revenue	0	0	0
Meals & Room Tax Distribution	115,000	110,775	115,000
Highway Block Grant	120,000	117,637	120,000
Forest Land Reimbursement	500	483	500
Other			
From Other Governments	225,000	196,808	225,000
<b>Charges For Services</b>			
Income From Departments	80,000	59,468	80,000
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>			
Sale of Municipal Property	10,000	23,336	33,000
Interest on Investments	7,000	17,863	20,000
Other	6,000	4,855	6,000
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>			
Special Revenue Funds	279,961	279,961	279,961
Capital Reserve Funds	0	0	75,508
Cemetery	0	0	0
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>			
Long Term Bonds & Notes	0	0	3,600,000
Surplus	120,800	152,800	90,400
<b>TOTAL REVENUES/CREDITS</b>	<b>1,656,261</b>	<b>1,672,243</b>	<b>5,369,869</b>

	<b>Year 2018 w/ articles</b>	<b>Year 2017 w/ articles</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	8,077,575	4,396,054
<b>LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	5,369,869	1,656,261
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	2,707,706	2,739,793
<b>ADD OVERLAY</b>	40,000	40,000
<b>ADD WAR SERVICE CREDITS</b>	73,000	73,000
 <b>AMOUNT OF TAXES TO RAISES</b>	 2,820,706	 2,852,793
 <b>LOCAL ASSESSED VALUATION</b>	 744,000,000	 734,274,038
<b>PROJECTED TOWN TAX RATE</b>	\$3.79	\$3.89
<b>TAX RATE % CHANGE</b>	-2.42%	

# New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

## Clean Water SRF Loan Schedule

Print Date: 11/3/2016

Total Disbursed: 2,729,898

Interest rate: 0.7200%

Administrative Fee: 2.0000%

Term: 20 Years

Borrower: Newbury

Project Number: 333229-02

Ref Num	Due Date	Date Received	Beginning Balance	Principal Payment	Principal Forgiven	Interest Payment	Interest Rate %	Administrative Fees	Total Payment	Ending Balance
1	6/1/2011	12/29/2010	2,472,605.16	0.00	0.00	5,131.87	0.0100	0.00	5,131.87	2,472,605.16
2	6/1/2012	12/19/2012	2,607,028.30	0.00	0.00	54,495.76	0.7200	36,110.75	90,606.51	2,607,028.30
221487	6/1/2013	6/12/2013	2,729,898.06	70,919.40	1,364,949.03	309.09	0.7200	16,888.40	88,116.89	1,294,029.63
221650	6/1/2014	5/23/2014	1,294,029.63	52,919.29	0.00	9,317.01	0.7200	25,880.59	88,116.89	1,241,110.34
221799	6/1/2015	6/2/2015	1,241,110.34	54,358.69	0.00	8,935.99	0.7200	24,822.21	88,116.89	1,186,751.65
221956	6/1/2016	6/7/2016	1,186,751.65	55,837.25	0.00	8,544.61	0.7200	23,735.03	88,116.89	1,130,914.40
7	6/1/2017		1,130,914.40	57,356.02	0.00	8,142.58	0.7200	22,618.29	88,116.89	1,073,558.38
8	6/1/2018		1,073,558.38	58,916.10	0.00	7,729.62	0.7200	21,471.17	88,116.89	1,014,642.28
9	6/1/2019		1,014,642.28	60,518.62	0.00	7,305.42	0.7200	20,292.85	88,116.89	954,123.66
10	6/1/2020		954,123.66	62,164.73	0.00	6,869.69	0.7200	19,082.47	88,116.89	891,958.93
11	6/1/2021		891,958.93	63,855.61	0.00	6,422.10	0.7200	17,839.18	88,116.89	828,103.32
12	6/1/2022		828,103.32	65,592.48	0.00	5,962.34	0.7200	16,562.07	88,116.89	762,510.84
13	6/1/2023		762,510.84	67,376.59	0.00	5,490.08	0.7200	15,250.22	88,116.89	695,134.25
14	6/1/2024		695,134.25	69,209.23	0.00	5,004.97	0.7200	13,902.69	88,116.89	625,925.02
15	6/1/2025		625,925.02	71,091.73	0.00	4,506.66	0.7200	12,518.50	88,116.89	554,833.29
16	6/1/2026		554,833.29	73,025.42	0.00	3,994.80	0.7200	11,096.67	88,116.89	481,807.87
17	6/1/2027		481,807.87	75,011.71	0.00	3,469.02	0.7200	9,636.16	88,116.89	406,796.16
18	6/1/2028		406,796.16	77,052.04	0.00	2,928.93	0.7200	8,135.92	88,116.89	329,744.12
19	6/1/2029		329,744.12	79,147.85	0.00	2,374.16	0.7200	6,594.88	88,116.89	250,596.27
20	6/1/2030		250,596.27	81,300.67	0.00	1,804.29	0.7200	5,011.93	88,116.89	169,295.60
21	6/1/2031		169,295.60	83,512.05	0.00	1,218.93	0.7200	3,385.91	88,116.89	85,783.55
22	6/1/2032		85,783.55	85,783.55	0.00	617.64	0.7200	1,715.67	88,116.86	0.00
				<b>1,364,949.03</b>	<b>1,364,949.03</b>	<b>160,575.56</b>		<b>332,551.56</b>	<b>1,858,076.15</b>	

# New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

## Clean Water SRF Loan Schedule

Print Date: 11/3/2016  
 Total Disbursed: 307,807  
 Interest rate: 0.9520%  
 Administrative Fee: 2.0000%  
 Term: 20 Years

Borrower: Newbury  
 Project Number: 229-01

Ref Num	Due Date	Date Received	Beginning Balance	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Interest Rate %	Administrative Fees	Total Payment	Ending Balance
Adj1	2/1/2008	1/18/2008	0.00	0.00	1,627.92	0.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00
220951	1/1/2009	12/29/2008	307,807.03	0.00	3,078.07	1.0000	0.00	3,078.07	307,807.03
221051	1/1/2010	12/29/2009	307,807.03	0.00	3,078.07	1.0000	0.00	3,078.07	307,807.03
221156	1/1/2011	1/7/2011	307,807.03	15,390.35	2,930.32	0.9520	6,156.14	24,476.81	292,416.68
221288	1/1/2012	1/6/2012	292,416.68	15,390.35	2,783.81	0.9520	5,848.33	24,022.49	277,026.33
221438	1/1/2013	1/4/2013	277,026.33	15,390.35	2,637.29	0.9520	5,540.53	23,568.17	261,635.98
221607	1/1/2014	1/13/2014	261,635.98	15,390.35	2,490.77	0.9520	5,232.72	23,113.84	246,245.63
221750	1/1/2015	1/8/2015	246,245.63	15,390.35	2,344.26	0.9520	4,924.91	22,659.52	230,855.28
221910	1/1/2016	2/5/2016	230,855.28	15,390.35	2,197.74	0.9520	4,617.11	22,205.20	215,464.93
9	1/1/2017		215,464.93	15,390.35	2,051.23	0.9520	4,309.30	21,750.88	200,074.58
10	1/1/2018		200,074.58	15,390.35	1,904.71	0.9520	4,001.49	21,296.55	184,684.23
11	1/1/2019		184,684.23	15,390.35	1,758.19	0.9520	3,693.68	20,842.22	169,293.88
12	1/1/2020		169,293.88	15,390.35	1,611.68	0.9520	3,385.88	20,387.91	153,903.53
13	1/1/2021		153,903.53	15,390.35	1,465.16	0.9520	3,078.07	19,933.58	138,513.18
14	1/1/2022		138,513.18	15,390.35	1,318.65	0.9520	2,770.26	19,479.26	123,122.83
15	1/1/2023		123,122.83	15,390.35	1,172.13	0.9520	2,462.46	19,024.94	107,732.48
16	1/1/2024		107,732.48	15,390.35	1,025.61	0.9520	2,154.65	18,570.61	92,342.13
17	1/1/2025		92,342.13	15,390.35	879.10	0.9520	1,846.84	18,116.29	76,951.78
18	1/1/2026		76,951.78	15,390.35	732.58	0.9520	1,539.04	17,661.97	61,561.43
19	1/1/2027		61,561.43	15,390.35	586.06	0.9520	1,231.23	17,207.64	46,171.08
20	1/1/2028		46,171.08	15,390.35	439.55	0.9520	923.42	16,753.32	30,780.73
21	1/1/2029		30,780.73	15,390.35	293.03	0.9520	615.61	16,298.99	15,390.38
22	1/1/2030		15,390.38	15,390.38	146.52	0.9520	307.81	15,844.71	0.00
				<b>307,807.03</b>	<b>38,552.45</b>		<b>64,639.48</b>	<b>409,371.04</b>	

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To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Newbury  
Newbury, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newbury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated December 31, 2016. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### Significant Audit Findings

#### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Town of Newbury are described in the Notes to the financial statements. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the Town of Newbury's Statement of Net Position financial statements (related footnote) were:

- Actuarial Valuation of Post-Employment Benefits under GASB 45.
- Proportionate Share of NHRS Net Pension Liability.

Management's estimate of the valuation of OPEBs is based on an actuarial valuation. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the valuation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole. The estimate of the proportionate share of net pension liability of the NHRS is based on the Town's current percentage of contributions to the system.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

#### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

*Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

*Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

*Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated as of the report date and updated if applicable.

*Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

*Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Selectmen and management of the Town of Newbury and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

*Grzelak and Co., P.C.*

**GRZELAK & COMPANY, P.C., CPA's**  
Laconia, New Hampshire  
July 25, 2017

**TOWN OF NEWBURY**  
Newbury, New Hampshire

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

December 31, 2016

and

Independent Auditor's Report

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Newbury  
Newbury, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newbury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newbury, as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of funding progress for other postemployment benefits, schedule of the town's proportionate share of net pension liability, and schedule of town contributions on pages 7 through 21 and 57 through 66 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Newbury's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statements, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

*Grzelak and Co., P.C.*

**GRZELAK & COMPANY, P.C., CPA's**  
Laconia, New Hampshire  
July 25, 2017

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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Town of Newbury  
December 31, 2016

The Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator, as "management" of the Town of Newbury (the "Town"), a local municipality located in the County of Merrimack, New Hampshire, submits this section of the Town's annual financial report in order to present our discussion and analysis of the Town's financial performance during the year ended December 31, 2016. Our discussion and analysis is in accordance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 (GASB 34). Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements, which follow this section.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Town's total combined net position increased by \$1,628 or 0.01% between December 31, 2015 and 2016.
- The Town's total combined net position amounted to \$12,451,220 at December 31, 2016. Net position consisted of: \$10,879,422 net investment in capital assets; \$1,085,398 restricted for capital reserves; \$442,352 restricted for other nonmajor funds for purposes of each established fund; and an unrestricted net position of \$44,048.
- The Town has a \$2,593,105 liability for long-term obligations. This does not mean that the Town has this entire payment requirement for next year; rather, only \$72,746 of these obligations is due to be paid during the year ended December 31, 2016.
- The Town's long-term liabilities, consisting of general obligation bonds and notes, compensated absence obligations, other postemployment obligations, and net pension liability increased by a net (additions less reductions) \$207,915 during the year ended December 31, 2016. The net increase consisted of \$279,142 in additions to the long-term liabilities and \$71,227 in current year reductions.
- During the year, the Town's expenses were \$1,628 less than the \$4,218,111 in revenues generated for charges for services, operating grants and contributions and general revenues (consisting of property taxes and local, state and federal grants and contributions not restricted to specific purposes).

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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## CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN AS A WHOLE Net position

Exhibit B-1 shows the composition of the Town's total combined net position, which increased between December 31, 2015 and 2016 by \$1,628 or 0.01% to \$12,451,220.

### Exhibit B-1 NET POSITION

	Governmental Activities		
	2015	2016	Change
<b>Assets</b>	(as restated)		
Current and other assets	\$ 5,186,588	\$ 5,805,482	\$ 618,894
Noncurrent assets	<u>12,685,602</u>	<u>12,225,803</u>	<u>(459,799)</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	17,872,190	18,031,285	159,095
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>43,500</u>	<u>223,379</u>	<u>179,879</u>
<b>Total deferred outflows of resources</b>	43,500	223,379	179,879
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities	3,120,441	3,271,753	151,312
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>2,313,963</u>	<u>2,520,359</u>	<u>206,396</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	5,434,404	5,792,112	357,708
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>31,694</u>	<u>11,332</u>	<u>(20,362)</u>
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	31,694	11,332	(20,362)
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	11,267,994	10,879,422	(388,572)
Restricted	1,303,800	1,527,750	223,950
Unrestricted	<u>(122,202)</u>	<u>44,048</u>	<u>166,250</u>
<b>Total net position</b>	<u>\$ 12,449,592</u>	<u>\$ 12,451,220</u>	<u>\$ 1,628</u>

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Town of Newbury  
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A portion of the net position is either invested in capital assets or restricted as to the purposes they can be used for.

- The Town's investment in capital assets (land and land improvements, construction in progress, buildings, furniture and equipment and infrastructure, net of accumulated depreciation), net of related debt, is the largest component of the total combined net position.
- Restricted net position represents capital project, capital reserves and specific fund net asset amounts that are not available for discretionary spending.

Unrestricted net position is \$44,048; it is the result of having resources that are less than liabilities.

### Change in Net position

The Town's total revenues were \$4,218,111 while total expenses were \$4,216,483, resulting in an increase in net position of \$1,628.

Exhibit B-2 shows that a significant portion of the Town's total revenues came from the following general revenue sources; 67.57% from property taxes, 12.27% from local sources and unrestricted fees and, 2.63% from State of New Hampshire source intergovernmental revenues primarily derived from state aid programs. Program revenues directly associated with a specific department accounted for the following percentages of total revenues, charges for services provided 12.38% of total revenues while operating grants and contributions provided 3.19% of total revenues.

### Exhibit B-2 SOURCES OF TOWN REVENUES

#### Governmental Activities

	2015		2016		Change	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
<b>Program Revenues</b>						
Charges for services	\$ 564,759	13.81%	\$ 522,388	12.38%	\$ (42,371)	-7.50%
Operating grants and contributions	128,808	3.15%	134,726	3.19%	5,918	4.59%
<b>General Revenues</b>						
Property taxes	2,777,638	67.92%	2,850,042	67.57%	72,404	2.61%
Local sources	477,480	11.67%	517,572	12.27%	40,092	8.40%
State of New Hampshire sources	100,794	2.46%	110,917	2.63%	10,123	10.04%
Other sources	40,335	0.99%	82,466	1.96%	42,131	104.45%
	<b>\$ 4,089,814</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 4,218,111</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 128,297</b>	<b>3.14%</b>

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Town of Newbury  
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Exhibit B-3 shows that 23.92% of the Town's total expenses were for general government, public safety expenses accounted for 17.87% of total expenses, while 19.50% were for maintenance of highways and streets and 10.36% were for sanitation expenses.

## Exhibit B-3 TOWN EXPENSES

### Governmental Activities

	2015		2016		Change	
<b>Functions / Programs</b>						
General government	\$ 953,758	23.69%	\$ 1,008,597	23.92%	\$ 54,839	5.75%
Public safety	737,032	18.31%	753,591	17.87%	16,559	2.25%
Highways and streets	853,504	21.20%	822,031	19.50%	(31,473)	-3.69%
Sanitation	265,300	6.59%	436,691	10.36%	171,391	64.60%
Health	38,588	0.96%	51,362	1.22%	12,774	33.10%
Welfare	9,790	0.24%	10,911	0.26%	1,121	11.45%
Culture and recreation	310,968	7.72%	303,703	7.20%	(7,265)	-2.34%
Conservation	11,110	0.28%	4,217	0.10%	(6,893)	-62.04%
Debt service	41,027	1.02%	41,340	0.98%	313	0.76%
Capital outlay	55,306	1.37%	39,992	0.95%	(15,314)	-27.69%
Payments to other governments	3,020	0.08%	-	0.00%	(3,020)	-100.00%
Other financing uses	25,832	0.64%	64,988	1.54%	39,156	151.58%
<b>Unallocated</b>						
Depreciation	720,341	17.89%	679,060	16.10%	(41,281)	-5.73%
	<u>\$ 4,025,576</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 4,216,483</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 190,907</u>	<u>4.74%</u>

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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## Governmental Activities

Exhibit B-4 presents the net cost of the Town's largest functions based upon the total expense, less charges for services and operating grants and contributions, of each function. The net cost reflects the amount that was funded by general revenues (principally property taxes and general state aid).

### Exhibit B-4 TOTAL AND NET COST OF SERVICES

	2015		2016	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
<b>Functions / Programs</b>				
General government	\$ 953,758	\$ 709,843	\$ 1,008,597	\$ 785,323
Public safety	737,032	724,862	753,591	745,618
Highways and streets	853,504	745,043	822,031	704,747
Sanitation	265,300	(25,628)	436,691	138,480
Health	38,588	38,588	51,362	51,362
Welfare	9,790	9,790	10,911	10,911
Culture and recreation	310,968	272,875	303,703	293,331
Conservation	11,110	11,110	4,217	4,217
Debt Service	41,027	41,027	41,340	41,340
Capital outlay	55,306	55,306	39,992	39,992
Payments to other governments	3,020	3,020	-	-
Other financing uses/nonoperating expenses	25,832	25,832	64,988	64,988
<b>Unallocated</b>				
Depreciation	720,341	720,341	679,060	679,060
	\$ 4,025,576	\$ 3,332,009	\$ 4,216,483	\$ 3,559,369

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Town of Newbury  
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The total cost of all governmental activities this year was \$4,216,483; the total net cost was \$3,559,369. The primary financing for these activities of the Town was as follows:

## Taxes

- The amount that was paid by taxpayers was \$2,693,539 from property taxes, \$62,745 from land use change taxes, \$10,634 from yield taxes, \$117 from excavation taxes, and \$9,952 from other taxes.
- Payments in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$26,635.
- Interest collected on delinquent taxes was \$84,978, while abatements charged against current year taxes were \$38,558.

## Local Sources

- Motor vehicle permit fees amounted to \$481,947.
- Other miscellaneous permits and fees amounted to \$35,625.

## State Sources

- Meals and rental tax distributions were received in the amount of \$110,917.

## Miscellaneous Revenues

- Sale of municipal property in the amount of \$2,070.
- Earnings on investments amounted to \$2,079.
- Other miscellaneous sources were received in the amount of \$78,317.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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Town of Newbury  
December 31, 2016

## ANALYSIS OF BALANCES AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE TOWN'S INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

### General Fund

The general fund balance increased \$449,216 during the year from a surplus balance of \$1,714,907 at December 31, 2015 to a \$2,164,123 fund balance at December 31, 2016. The December 31, 2016 fund balance consisted of \$1,085,398 restricted for capital reserves, and an unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$1,078,725.

Restricted expendable maintenance and capital reserve funds (established by voters at an annual Town meeting as trust funds in accordance with statutory requirements) are combined with the general fund in the basic financial statements. The capital reserve fund balances were \$1,085,398 at December 31, 2016. In accordance with statutory requirements they are held by the Trustees of Trust Funds and are only released for the restricted specific purposes of the individual funds.

### Nonmajor Governmental Funds

#### Library Fund

The library fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The library fund is used to account for contributions and donations managed by the Library Trustees.

#### Blodgett Sewer Fund

The sewer fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The sewer fund balance increased \$18,107 during the year from a surplus balance of \$140,582 at December 31, 2015 to a balance of \$158,689 at December 31, 2016.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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### Recreation Revolving Fund

The recreation revolving fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The recreation fund was created by town meeting to account for program activities. The fund had a balance of \$13,134 at December 31, 2016.

### Conservation Fund

The conservation fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The conservation fund is financed from a portion of the land use change tax collections during the year. The conservation fund had a fund balance of \$118,376 at December 31, 2016.

### Beautification Committee Fund

The beautification fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The beautification fund is financed through local donations. The beautification fund had a fund balance of \$19,777 at December 31, 2016.

### Veteran's Memorial Fund

The Veteran's Memorial fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The Veteran's Memorial fund is used to account for donations to maintain the Veteran's Memorial. The fund was closed as of December 31, 2016.

### Hazard Mitigation Fund

The Hazard Mitigation fund is classified as a capital project fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The Hazard Mitigation fund was closed as of December 31, 2016.

### Common Trust Funds

The common trust funds are classified as permanent funds and are aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The common trust funds balance at December 31, 2016 is comprised of \$106,308 of nonspendable endowments and \$22,686 of restricted fund balance for its intended purpose.

# **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

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**Town of Newbury  
December 31, 2016**

## **GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

For the year ended December 31, 2016 the Town did not revise its statutory budgetary line items; rather, the Town's budgetary control was managed on an aggregate total budget-to-actual basis; total estimated revenues and appropriations versus actual revenues and expenditures.

### **Final Versus Original Budget Comparison**

The original and final budget amounts were the same for the year ended December 31, 2016.

### **Actual Versus Final Budget Comparison**

The amounts of actual inflows (resources) and outflows (charges to appropriations) varied from the final budget for the following significant items:

- Actual inflows (resources) were more than the budgetary revenue estimates by \$68,331.
- Actual total outflows (expenditures or charges to appropriations) were less than the budgeted total appropriation by \$246,820.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Town of Newbury  
December 31, 2016

## CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### Capital Assets

At December 31, 2016, the Town had invested \$12,225,803 (\$28,750,333 at cost or estimated cost less accumulated depreciation of \$16,524,530) in a broad range of capital assets, including land and land improvements, infrastructure, buildings, vehicles and furniture and equipment as summarized in Exhibit C-1.

This amount represents a net decrease of 3.62% from the prior year. This year major additions are also summarized in Exhibit C-1.

### Exhibit C-1 NET CAPITAL ASSETS AND MAJOR ADDITIONS

	Governmental Activities		
Net Capital Assets	2015	2016	Change
Land and improvements	\$ 6,595,796	\$ 6,607,356	0.18%
Construction in progress	8,229	8,229	0.00%
Infrastructure	14,239,452	14,239,452	0.00%
Buildings	3,631,292	3,650,372	0.53%
Vehicles	2,097,374	2,178,867	3.89%
Machinery and equipment	1,881,388	1,901,985	1.09%
Technology equipment	153,151	164,072	7.13%
<b>Capital assets, at cost</b>	28,606,682	28,750,333	0.50%
Accumulated depreciation	(15,921,080)	(16,524,530)	-3.79%
<b>Capital assets, net</b>	\$ 12,685,602	\$ 12,225,803	-3.62%
<b>Increase in Capital Assets, Net</b>		\$ (459,799)	
<b>Changes</b>			
Land and improvement additions		\$ 11,560	
Building additions		19,080	
Vehicle purchases		157,103	
Machinery and equipment additions		20,597	
Technology additions		10,921	
Depreciation		(679,060)	
		\$ (459,799)	

More detailed information about the Town's capital assets is presented in the notes to the basic financial statements.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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## Debt

At December 31, 2016, the Town had \$2,520,359 of long-term obligations (\$2,593,105 in total obligations less the current portion of \$72,746) as summarized in Exhibit C-2.

This amount represents a net increase of 8.92% over the prior year.

### Exhibit C-2 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-Term Liabilities	Governmental Activities		
	2015	2016	Change
General obligation bonds	\$ 1,417,608	\$ 1,346,381	-5.02%
Compensated absences	136,756	150,669	10.17%
OPEB obligations	179,629	198,634	10.58%
Net pension liability	651,197	897,421	37.81%
Less current portion	2,385,190	2,593,105	8.72%
	(71,227)	(72,746)	-2.13%
	\$ 2,313,963	\$ 2,520,359	8.92%
<b>Net Change</b>		<b>\$ 206,396</b>	
<b>Changes</b>			
Principal payment on general obligation debt		\$ (71,227)	
Change in compensated absences		13,913	
Change in OPEB obligations		19,005	
Change in net pension liability		246,224	
Change in current portion		(1,519)	
		<b>\$ 206,396</b>	

State law (RSA 195:6II) limits the amount of general obligation debt that the Town may incur at any one time to 1.75% of the locally assessed valuation as equalized by the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. At December 31, 2016, the Town was significantly below its legal debt limit of approximately \$12,674,796.

More detailed information about the Town's long-term liabilities is presented in the notes to the basic financial statements.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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Town of Newbury  
December 31, 2016

## ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The Town Administrator, Department Heads and the Selectmen considered many factors when submitting the 2017 budget to the municipal Budget Committee and the town voters.

These considerations included the following:

1. Local revenues are showing strong increases notably they include motor vehicle registrations and building permits.
2. The Select board's/Budget Committee's desire to keep the tax rate level and stable.
3. An appropriation of \$47,125 for repairs and renovations to the second and third bridges on Mountain Road.
4. An appropriation of \$33,592 for a purchase of a Police Cruiser was authorized by town meeting from general taxation. Previously the town had been leasing cruisers but the board decided the town could save money by purchasing vehicles outright rather than incurring finance charges under a lease.
5. An appropriation of \$15,000 to fund a facilitator regarding new safety services facilities from general taxation.
6. Paving was increased by \$10,000 from the year before.
7. Funding was provided in the planning board budget to implement a master plan update.
8. The town also appropriated \$50,000 to hire an architect to consider an building expansion for the library.
9. The town continues to fund its capital reserves/expandable trust funds in the same manner as we have in the past.

## CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Town Administrator.

## TOWN OF NEWBURY

**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**December 31, 2016**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,698,672	\$ 16,516	\$ 3,715,188
Investments	1,086,684	313,424	1,400,108
Property taxes receivable	403,251	-	403,251
Land use taxes receivable	4,700	-	4,700
Timber taxes receivable	5,495	-	5,495
Tax liens receivable	180,299	-	180,299
Accounts receivable	58,435	32,728	91,163
Other receivables	20	-	20
Due from other funds	-	79,684	79,684
Other assets	5,258	-	5,258
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,442,814</u>	<u>\$ 442,352</u>	<u>\$ 5,885,166</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 69,830	\$ -	\$ 69,830
Accrued expenses	36	-	36
Due to other governments	3,129,141	-	3,129,141
Due to other funds	79,684	-	79,684
Total liabilities	<u>3,278,691</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,278,691</u>
Fund balances:			
Nonspendable	-	106,308	106,308
Restricted	1,085,398	336,044	1,421,442
Committed	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned	1,078,725	-	1,078,725
Total fund balances	<u>2,164,123</u>	<u>442,352</u>	<u>2,606,475</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 5,442,814</u>	<u>\$ 442,352</u>	<u>\$ 5,885,166</u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**Notes to Basic Financial Statements  
December 31, 2016**

**NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

The Town can issue general obligation debt instruments to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital equipment, infrastructure and other facilities. General obligation debt instruments are "direct government obligations" and consequently are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town is obligated under certain leases accounted for as capital leases. The leased assets are accounted for as capital assets and capital lease liabilities in the government-wide financial statements. In the governmental fund financial statements the lease is recorded as an expenditure and other financing source in the year executed; annual lease payments are recorded as expenditures when paid. Other long-term obligations include compensated absences and early retirement obligations.

A summary of long-term liabilities outstanding at December 31, 2016 is as follows:

	<b>General Obligation Debt</b>	<b>Compensated Absences</b>	<b>OPEB Obligations</b>	<b>Net Pension Liability</b>	<b>Total</b>
Beginning balance	\$ 1,417,608	\$ 136,756	\$ 179,629	\$ 651,197	\$ 2,385,190
Additions	-	13,913	19,005	246,224	279,142
Reductions	(71,227)	-	-	-	(71,227)
Ending balance	<u>1,346,381</u>	<u>150,669</u>	<u>198,634</u>	<u>897,421</u>	<u>2,593,105</u>
Current portion	72,746	-	-	-	72,746
Noncurrent portion	<u>1,273,635</u>	<u>150,669</u>	<u>198,634</u>	<u>897,421</u>	<u>2,520,359</u>
	<u>\$ 1,346,381</u>	<u>\$ 150,669</u>	<u>\$ 198,634</u>	<u>\$ 897,421</u>	<u>\$ 2,593,105</u>

Long-term liabilities outstanding at December 31, 2016 consisted of the following:

	<b>Issue Year</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>	<b>Original Amount of Issue</b>	<b>Balance Outstanding</b>
<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>					
State Revolving Loan Proceeds	2010	0.86%	5/1/2031	\$ 1,315,860	\$ 1,130,914
Clean Water Revolving Loan	2011	0.952%	1/1/2030	307,807	<u>215,467</u>
					1,346,381
<u>Other Long-Term Obligations</u>					
Compensated absences					150,669
OPEB obligations					198,634
Net pension liability					<u>897,421</u>
					<u>1,246,724</u>
					<u>\$ 2,593,105</u>

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December 31, 2016

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation debt are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2017	\$ 72,746	\$ 32,812	\$ 105,558
2018	74,306	31,106	105,412
2019	75,909	29,356	105,265
2020	77,555	27,564	105,119
2021	79,246	25,726	104,972
After	<u>966,619</u>	<u>147,776</u>	<u>1,114,395</u>
	<u>\$ 1,346,381</u>	<u>\$ 294,340</u>	<u>\$ 1,640,721</u>

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements  
December 31, 2016

### NOTE 8 - PROPERTY TAXES

#### Property Tax Calendar

The Town is responsible for assessing, collecting and distributing property taxes in accordance with state legislation. The property tax year is from April 1 - March 31. Unpaid property taxes may be liened (following statutory notification and procedural guidelines) as soon as 30-days after the final bill (or installment) is due. Unpaid taxes are assessed interest at a rate of 12% up to the "lien date," at which time the rate increases to 18%. Two years from the execution of the real estate tax lien the Tax Collector may execute to the lienholder a "deed" of the property subject to the real estate tax lien and not redeemed (paid).

#### Revenue Recognition

The Town recognizes property tax revenues when they are levied (i.e., after a warrant for collection is committed to the Tax Collector by the Board of Selectmen). This is a GAAP departure (from *GASB Statement #1* generally, and specifically *NCGA Interpretation -3 "Revenue Recognition - Property Taxes"*). Under GAAP, certain disclosures are required of property tax revenues that are not received during the period, or within 60-days thereafter, that are recognized as receivables without a corresponding reserve. The Town believes that this application of GAAP to its property tax revenues would result in misleading financial statements since such GAAP application would reduce fund balance by the amount of uncollected property taxes; concurrent with a GAAP requirement to record an expenditure (and payable) for the amount due to the local education authority (such amount based solely on a share of the uncollected property taxes). This GAAP departure as applied to New Hampshire towns was addressed by the GASB in 1984. The GASB, in responding to an inquiry on this matter, provided justification for the departure from the 60-day rule due to the unique legislation in the State of New Hampshire regarding the Town's responsibility for (and expenditure recognition of) intergovernmental payments to the local education authority (school district). This justification has been reviewed and accepted by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (which requires GAAP-based regulatory reporting) and has been established as a widely prevalent practice followed by most, New Hampshire towns.

#### Allocation of Property Tax Assessment

<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>\$ 11,564,954</b>	
		Rate Per
<b>Property Tax Allocation:</b>		<b>\$1,000</b>
Town Portion	\$ 2,764,690	\$ 3.82
Less: War Service Credit	(73,000)	
Local School Portion	4,973,074	6.87
State School Portion	1,815,117	2.52
County Portion	2,059,915	2.84
Village District Assessment	25,158	1.57
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 11,564,954</b>	<b>\$ 17.62</b>

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### Notes to Basic Financial Statements December 31, 2016

The following table shows the components of the Town's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in the Town's net OPEB obligation:

	<b>For the Year Ended December 31, 2016</b>
Annual Required Contribution (ARC)	\$ 28,179
Interest on Net OPEB Obligation	7,185
Adjustment to ARC (if Applicable)	<u>(10,186)</u>
Annual OPEB Cost (Expense)	25,178
Expected benefit payments	<u>6,173</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net OPEB Obligation	19,005
Net OPEB Obligation - Beginning of Year	<u>179,629</u>
Net OPEB Obligation - End of Year	<u>\$ 198,634</u>

The Town's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation were as follows:

<b>Fiscal Year Ending</b>	<b>Annual OPEB Cost</b>	<b>Percentage of Annual OPEB Cost Contributed</b>	<b>Net OPEB Obligation</b>
December 31, 2016	\$ 25,178	24.52%	\$198,634

As the most recent valuation date, the plan was 0% funded. The accrued liability for benefits was \$319,484 and the value of assets was \$0, resulting in an unfunded accrued liability (UAL) of \$319,484. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$1,202,673 and the ratio of the UAL to the covered payroll was 26.6%. Valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear trend information about whether the value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the accrued liabilities for benefits.

#### Cost methods and assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and the plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The cost methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in accrued liabilities and the value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

## TOWN OF NEWBURY

### Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
<b>Budgetary Fund Balance - Beginning</b>	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 833,574	\$ 763,574
Resources (inflows):				
Taxes				
Property taxes	11,564,954	11,564,954	11,566,803	1,849
Taxes assessed for schools	(6,788,191)	(6,788,191)	(6,788,191)	-
Taxes assessed for county	(2,059,915)	(2,059,915)	(2,059,915)	-
Land use change taxes	16,000	16,000	56,895	40,895
Timber taxes	10,000	10,000	10,634	634
Payments in lieu of taxes	26,000	26,000	26,635	635
Other taxes	9,000	9,000	9,952	952
Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes	80,000	80,000	84,978	4,978
Excavation tax	500	500	117	(383)
Provision for overlay and abatements	(58,502)	(58,502)	(39,851)	18,651
Taxes assessed for precinct	(25,158)	(25,158)	(25,158)	-
Licenses, permits and fees				
Business licenses and permits	1,000	1,000	1,036	36
Motor vehicle permit fees	480,000	480,000	481,947	1,947
Building permits	26,000	26,000	29,423	3,423
Other licenses, permits and fees	5,000	5,000	5,166	166
State of NH sources				
Meals and rental tax distribution	110,917	110,917	110,917	-
Highway block grant	116,848	116,848	116,848	-
State and federal forest land reimbursement	436	436	436	-
Other governments	206,000	206,000	201,278	(4,722)
Charges for services				
Income from departments	80,000	80,000	44,064	(35,936)
Other charges	-	-	9,709	9,709
Miscellaneous revenues				
Sale of municipal property	42,000	42,000	2,070	(39,930)
Interest on investments	3,000	3,000	6,170	3,170
Rents of property	-	-	650	650
Insurance dividends and reimbursements	-	-	4,026	4,026
Other miscellaneous sources	6,000	6,000	7,566	1,566
Interfund operating transfers in				
Transfers from special revenue funds	-	-	40,000	40,000
Capital reserve transfers recorded	116,500	116,500	129,515	13,015
Transfers from common trusts	-	-	3,000	3,000
Actual inflows (excluding fund balance)	<u>3,968,389</u>	<u>3,968,389</u>	<u>4,036,720</u>	<u>68,331</u>
Amounts available for appropriation	\$ <u>4,038,389</u>	\$ <u>4,038,389</u>	\$ <u>4,870,294</u>	\$ <u>831,905</u>

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### Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original			
	Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Charges to appropriations (outflows):				
General government				
Executive	\$ 215,985	\$ 215,985	\$ 213,078	\$ 2,907
Election and registration	10,992	10,992	11,736	(744)
Financial administration	551,681	551,681	551,415	266
Revaluation of property	-	-	20	(20)
Legal expense	23,000	23,000	12,859	10,141
Personnel administration	5,200	5,200	4,030	1,170
Planning and zoning	105,582	105,582	81,719	23,863
General government building	66,165	66,165	64,993	1,172
Cemeteries	23,875	23,875	20,634	3,241
Insurance not otherwise allocated	79,013	79,013	58,293	20,720
Other general government	14,000	14,000	13,958	42
Public safety				
Police	501,182	501,182	474,999	26,183
Fire	211,524	211,524	193,052	18,472
Building inspection	42,677	42,677	34,345	8,332
Emergency management	6,917	6,917	6,146	771
Other public safety	36,353	36,353	32,410	3,943
Highways and streets				
Highways and streets	922,574	922,574	819,137	103,437
Street lighting	13,000	13,000	23,595	(10,595)
Sanitation				
Solid waste collection	167,573	167,573	156,300	11,273
Solid waste disposal	122,600	122,600	104,975	17,625
Solid waste clean-up	19,900	19,900	27,023	(7,123)
Health				
Health agencies and hospitals	51,362	51,362	51,362	-
Welfare				
Administration	22,769	22,769	10,911	11,858
Culture and recreation				
Parks and recreation	108,218	108,218	103,957	4,261
Library	174,524	174,524	174,266	258
Other culture and recreation	8,195	8,195	6,681	1,514
Conservation				
Administration	3,457	3,457	3,217	240
Other conservation	-	-	1,000	(1,000)
Debt service				
Interest on tax anticipation notes	100	100	-	100
Other debt service charges	-	-	2,245	(2,245)

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### Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund Year Ended December 31, 2016

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	<u>Budget</u>			
Capital outlay				
Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	\$ 178,971	\$ 178,971	\$ 122,603	\$ 56,368
Buildings	12,000	12,000	36,718	(24,718)
Improvements other than buildings	-	-	10,752	(10,752)
Safety Services	-	-	2,490	(2,490)
Interfund operating transfers out				
Transfer to special revenue funds	-	-	21,650	(21,650)
Transfer to Capital reserves	339,000	339,000	339,000	-
Total charges to appropriations	<u>4,038,389</u>	<u>4,038,389</u>	<u>3,791,569</u>	<u>246,820</u>
<b>Budgetary Fund Balance - Ending</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,078,725</u>	<u>\$ 1,078,725</u>

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## Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds December 31, 2016

	Library Fund	Blodgett Sewer	Recreation Revolving Fund	Conservation Fund	Beautification Committee	Common Trust Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,382	\$ -	\$ 13,134	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,516
Investments	-	66,054	-	118,376	-	128,994	313,424
Accounts receivable	-	32,728	-	-	-	-	32,728
Due from other funds	-	59,907	-	-	19,777	-	79,684
Total assets	\$ 3,382	\$ 158,689	\$ 13,134	\$ 118,376	\$ 19,777	\$ 128,994	\$ 442,352
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balances:							
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-	106,308	106,308
Restricted	3,382	158,689	13,134	118,376	19,777	22,686	336,044
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	\$ 3,382	\$ 158,689	\$ 13,134	\$ 118,376	\$ 19,777	\$ 128,994	\$ 442,352
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 3,382	\$ 158,689	\$ 13,134	\$ 118,376	\$ 19,777	\$ 128,994	\$ 442,352

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**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
Year Ended December 31, 2016**

	Library Fund	Blodgett Sewer Fund	Recreation Revolving Fund	Conservation Fund	Beautification Committee	Veterans Memorial Fund	Hazard Mitigation	Common Trust Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>									
Taxes	-	-	-	5,850	-	-	-	-	5,850
State of NH sources	-	7,070	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,070
Charges for services	-	269,280	-	-	3,753	-	-	-	273,033
Miscellaneous revenues	11,673	379	17,534	573	-	-	-	8,714	38,873
Interfund operating transfers in	-	-	-	21,650	-	-	-	-	21,650
Total revenues and other financing sources	<u>11,673</u>	<u>276,729</u>	<u>17,534</u>	<u>28,073</u>	<u>3,753</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,714</u>	<u>346,476</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>									
Sanitation	-	148,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	148,300
Culture and recreation	9,458	-	14,439	-	-	-	-	1,072	24,969
Debt service	-	110,322	-	-	-	-	-	-	110,322
Interfund operating transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	100	39,900	3,000	43,000
Total expenditures and other financing sources	<u>9,458</u>	<u>258,622</u>	<u>14,439</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>39,900</u>	<u>4,072</u>	<u>326,591</u>
Excess revenue and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	2,215	18,107	3,095	28,073	3,753	(100)	(39,900)	4,642	19,885
Fund balances - beginning of year	<u>1,167</u>	<u>140,582</u>	<u>10,039</u>	<u>90,303</u>	<u>16,024</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>39,900</u>	<u>124,352</u>	<u>422,467</u>
Fund balances - end of year	<u>\$ 3,382</u>	<u>\$ 158,689</u>	<u>\$ 13,134</u>	<u>\$ 118,376</u>	<u>\$ 19,777</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 128,994</u>	<u>\$ 442,352</u>

## **Newbury Conservation Committee**

The Newbury Conservation Commission (NCC) serves as the advisory board to the Selectboard, Code Enforcement Officer, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the community. The NCC remains available to lend an informational hand to all parties interested in ensuring that “best practices” are used for construction projects, landscaping plans, tree cutting efforts, dock repair/reconstruction, and stormwater management options. Additionally, the NCC strives to keep the community informed on environmental issues, conservation education, and town/state conservation policies and laws.

Overall, the NCC witnessed an increase in buffer zone tree cutting and new construction in the watershed, raising concerns about potential erosion, pollution and water quality degradation. Additionally, the increase in new construction was accompanied by a noticeable decline in appropriate lakeside-friendly landscaping and gardening – trends that are troubling within the watershed because of the potential damage caused by stormwater runoff.

### **2017 Highlights**

In 2017, the NCC applied its trademark persistence and innovation to meet the new and ongoing issues and challenges that surfaced throughout the year. Following is a partial list of activities:

- Bubbler/De-Icer Education Workshop was held in August. Over 50 lake residents attended. Conducted by Katheryn Holmes, NCC chair, the workshop covered the kinds of devices, the benefit of using timers, and the negative impact on the lake by 24/7 use. Another workshop is planned in 2018.
- Rain Garden Workshop at the Sunapee Hills Association (Chalk Pond) annual meeting. Katheryn Holmes presented a how-to workshop on rain garden construction, placement and benefits thereof. Another workshop is planned in 2018.
- A presentation on the Warner River Watershed Project was given by Ben Nugent and John McGee, Fisheries Biologists with the NH Fish & Game. An overview of the issues facing the Warner River Watershed were covered, along with conservation strategies moving forward. Also discussed was the habitat of the wild brook trout and methods to ensure population growth of the species.

### **Permits & Applications**

The NCC regularly reviews permits and applications from the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) pertaining to wetlands and shoreland impact permits, including DES applications for dock and boathouse repair/replacement on Lake Sunapee, Chalk Pond, and Lake Todd. All told, 59 DES applications/permits/notifications were reviewed by Commissioners in 2017.

Additionally, the NCC actively reviews and monitors all applications for tree cutting, Intent to Cut, and violations of same. In 2017, the NCC reviewed 28 Tree Cutting applications, 27 Intent to Cut applications, and two violations.

### **Collaboration**

The NCC actively works to establish and maintain collaborative relationships with a host of area and statewide groups to ensure that the most up-to-date information is shared and distributed to appropriate parties in Newbury and surrounding towns. In 2017, NCC worked with the following groups:

- Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), the local land trust.
- Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA).
- Sunapee Hills Association (Chalk Pond).
- Lake Todd Association
- Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forest (SPNHF), the statewide land trust.
- NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists (NHANRS).

- NH Association of Conservation Commission (NHACC).

### **Training**

NCC members attended a number of training and education seminars and meetings with:

- NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists.
- Lake Sunapee Protective Association Watershed Committee.
- NH Fish & Game Wild Goose Boat Launch project hearings at the NH State House.
- Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust Outreach meetings.
- Mt. Sunapee New Leaseholder Informational Meeting.

Every year, specific projects surface that call for NCC's involvement in an advisory capacity. In 2017, three such projects found Commissioners deeply involved:

- Mountain Road Project

Eric Unger, NCC vice-chair, spearheaded the information gathering surrounding the challenges facing the brooks off Mountain Road regarding stormwater runoff from the road into the waterbodies. The Newbury Highway Department, the NH DES, and the Selectboard addressed the problem successfully.

- NH Fish & Game Proposed Wild Goose Boat Launch

The NCC offered ongoing support to the comprehensive efforts deployed by the Town, LSPA, and community groups regarding this project.

- The Fells Upper Parking Lot Plan

The NCC participated in the review of The Fells application and offered suggestions to the applicant regarding the project's potential impact on the surrounding wetlands and the lake.

- Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance

The NCC worked with the Planning Board on amendments to Article 7 of the Newbury Zoning Ordinance which pertains to mechanical harvesting and compliance with state shoreland regulations that change how buffer zone increments are counted (from 50-feet to 25-feet).

We welcomed Steve Russell as a new NCC member. I would like to thank all the members of the NCC for their dedication and hard work. We welcome you to attend our meetings and, if interested, become a member of NCC!

*Katheryn C. Holmes*  
*Chair*

Eric Unger, Vice Chair  
Sue Russell and Robert Stewart, Members  
Steve Russell, Alternate  
Russell Smith, Ex-Officio

## **Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust**

Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (Ausbon Sargent) is dedicated to protecting the rural landscape of the 12 towns in the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region - Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot.

In 2017, Ausbon Sargent completed three projects, representing just over 132 acres, in the towns of Wilmot, Andover and Bradford. Since its founding in 1987, Ausbon Sargent completed 143 projects and protected 11,263 acres in the 12-town region. This includes 14 fourteen working farms and over eight miles of lake frontage. Two-thirds of these properties offer public access and all of the properties provide some public benefit.

Quality of life is very important to the residents of New Hampshire and the state consistently ranks in the top ten as one of the best places to live in the United States. Contributing to this ranking are the following: clean water, scenic places, outdoor recreation, and open spaces – elements that are at the heart of the Ausbon Sargent mission.

### **2017 Highlights**

Ausbon Sargent members and the public enjoyed a host of events in 2017, including:

- Our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, “Ausbon Sargent Day”, held on the Sargent Common in New London. Along with the children from the New London Elementary School, all were invited to come hear the story of Ausbon Sargent and anecdotes about the kind of man he was, enjoy the music of the Kearsarge Community Band, and get a sneak peek of the upcoming musicals from the New London Barn Players. The children sang the “Ausbon Sargent Song” and cake, cookies and popsicles were enjoyed by all. It was a great way to start our year of celebration!
- Our annual Volunteer Recognition Party in Sunapee was held in May. We value our loyal, dedicated and talented volunteers.
- Our ever-popular Progressive Dinner fundraising event was held in July.
- Our 6th Annual Kearsarge Klassic Bike Event in conjunction with the NH Cycling Club. The September event had a record amount of participants and the event brings riders along routes that showcase Ausbon Sargent properties throughout the 12-town region in distances ranging from 25 to 108 miles.
- Our annual Holiday Party was held in December.

### **Workshops & Public Outreach**

A variety of workshops and collaborative public educational outreach efforts were offered throughout the year, including:

- Workshops on conservation options for landowners and GIS mapping using smartphones.
- A forest health woods walk with county foresters and in collaboration with the UNH Cooperative Extension.
- Review the most recent Wildlife Action Plan with county foresters and the UNH Cooperative Extension.
- A lecture on climate and our changing landscape by speaker Hank Art, Ph.D, courtesy of Colby-Sawyer College.
- The New Hampshire Land Trust Coalition featured Ausbon Sargent staff on a panel discussion of using drones for conservation.
- Hikes were offered in Sunapee, New London, Bradford and Sutton.
- A farm tour of Star Lake Farm in Springfield was a popular event, attended by over 70 people.
- Our dragonfly walk was held in Webster on the Courser property.

Ausbon Sargent is pleased to have over 200 volunteers providing year-round support for easement monitoring, committee assignments, and clerical work. We are grateful to have so many giving members who provide financial support and the countless hours which have assured our success.

### **An Invitation**

If you would like to join us in our work to protect the special places throughout our communities, there are many ways to get involved:

- Become a conservation easement donor.
- Support Ausbon Sargent financially.
- Volunteer your time to the organization.
- Encourage town officials throughout our 12-town region to conserve our rural character by supporting land conservation.
- Become a member of Ausbon Sargent.

Our website [www.ausbonsargent.org](http://www.ausbonsargent.org) indicates the trails open to the public. These trails, many of which cross privately owned land, are open to hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. The website includes trail maps and driving directions. For more information on newly conserved properties - and all of Ausbon Sargent's protected properties - please visit our website. Also, please be sure to "Like" us on Facebook!

We would especially like to thank the Newbury Conservation Commission for being such a good resource and for collaborating with Ausbon Sargent on several successful projects over the years.

*Deborah L. Stanley*  
*Executive Director*

### **Board of Trustees**

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Andy Deegan, Land Protection Specialist/Stewardship Manager  
Sue Ellen Andrews, Operations Manager  
Kristy Heath, Development and Administrative Coordinator  
Patsy Steverson, Bookkeeper  
Peggy Hutter, Communications Coordinator

## Lake Sunapee Protective Association

In 2017, the Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA) collaborated and supported scientific research in and around Lake Sunapee. LSPA's routine activities continued throughout the year and included:

- Water quality monitoring for which we now have 30 years of trending data.
- Water testing at the LSPA lab for 25 local lake and ponds.
- LSPA Buoy maintenance which sends high frequency data to LSPA and the world.
- Invasive monitoring, through which Lake Sunapee is the only lake to be rid of invasive milfoil.
- Removal from an entering boat's hull of invasive zebra mussels.
- Electrical maintenance on the Lake Sunapee lighthouses.
- Free ecological education through expanded programs at the LSPA Learning Center and in local schools and libraries.

LSPA's collaborative efforts included projects with a number of students:

- Dartmouth engineering students, to explore maximizing sediment basins' efficiency in collecting sediment.
- Claremont students, to investigate the potential for using *Seaperch* underwater drones to look for aquatic invasives.
- Groups from UNH and Dartmouth, to compare NASA satellite and drone remote sensing with on-the-ground water analysis. This project continues into 2018.

### 2017 Highlights

The 2017 Love Your Lake Day and Antique Boat Parade were great successes, combining science with music, ice cream, live animals, and fun! The summer brought new programs and exhibits to LSPA – the caterpillar lab was a big hit! The Full Moon Cruise encountered frightening weather and had to be rescheduled for the first time ever.

In the fall, LSPA held a Watershed Ecology Institute for local teachers, at which they learned about water and watershed ecology. The Watershed Discovery Day held by LSPA at Mt. Sunapee for all the local fifth graders was again a wonderful day, packed with learning activities. It takes about 40 volunteers to hold that event!

LSPA is also supporting a National Science Foundation project titled "Human Natural Coupled Systems," which explores the connections and effects of populations on natural resources. LSPA attended the GLEON (Global Lake Environmental Observation Network) conference in New York as a "data supplier" and gained important insight into its "data users".

### Wild Goose Boat Ramp Project

The NH Fish & Game boat ramp project proposed for the Wild Goose property in Newbury had a wild ride this year. The NH Legislature declined to fund it and the Governor supported that decision, subsequently creating a Sunapee Access Commission. LSPA, the Town of Newbury, the other watershed towns, and our legislators spent much effort and testimony to ensure that all decision makers and leaders know the serious detriments of that project. This issue will continue in 2018.

2017 was a year full of exciting activities and LSPA looks forward to a successful 2018! LSPA is a member-supported non-profit and we appreciate all our members, volunteers and the Town of Newbury for their unfailing support!

It's all about the water!

*June Fichter*  
*Executive Director*

## The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition (SRKGC) was founded in 1993 and is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that promotes hiking and land conservation. A 75-mile hiking trail forming a loop, known as the SRK Greenway, was built to link the most prominent peaks in the area – Mount Sunapee, Ragged Mountain, and Mount Kearsarge.

The SRK Greenway includes 11 miles of trail through Newbury before continuing through nine more towns to complete the 75-mile loop. In Newbury, the SRK Greenway looks like this:

- On the northeast side of town the trail is actually a road, Haynes Road.
- The trail continues down to Baker Hill, then bears left to the Stoney Brook Wildlife Sanctuary.
- At Chalk Pond, the SRKG traverses Bly Hill to the old Fisher Field settlement,
- The trail continues down Province Road to Station Landing (Newbury Harbor).
- The SRKG continues up the East Flank of Mount Sunapee via the Newbury Trail, which traces the lower section of the old Newport Ski Club Trail and CCC Fire Trail to beautiful Lake Solitude.
- From Lake Solitude, the trail continues past Jack & June Junction, for a spectacular southeast view of South Newbury, and then to the summit of Mount Sunapee.
- Finally, the Summit Trail connects our tallest town peak to the old Province Road on the Goshen/Newbury town line.

Much of the trail passes through state and conservation land, but some private property is also incorporated to complete the trail system. Without the generosity of many land owners, this trail would not exist.

The SRK Greenway is a community-based, all volunteer organization governed by an active Board of Directors. The organization oversees trail maintenance work, a newsletter, a website ([www.srkg.com](http://www.srkg.com)), a trail guide book and map, a 3-season hiking schedule, and an annual meeting in March. Nathan Richer holds one of the two Town Director seats for Newbury on the Greenway Board. If you are interested in volunteering for the other Newbury Director, contact Nathan at 344-0287.

Our website, [www.srkg.org](http://www.srkg.org) features maps of the entire Greenway. Website content includes hike schedules and events, landowner information, membership details, and links to other hiking trails in New Hampshire as well as the trail guide and map.

Hiking trails are an important feature of the region's tourism economy and an important benefit to the community. Preserving and maintaining a "green corridor" in Newbury, and the surrounding towns, has a positive impact on the recreational, economic and health benefits of the community. To improve awareness of hiking trails, SRK Greenway representatives meet with local town boards, conservation commissions, state entities, and others. Meetings also include Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, SPNHF, the Mount Sunapee State Park Advisory Committee, the NH Trails Bureau, and the statewide Trails Advisory Committee.

Come out and hike with us or explore the SRKG on your own to find out all it has to offer.

*Nathan Richer  
Town Director*

## Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) has been providing professional planning assistance to municipal boards since 1963 and serves 27 communities in Grafton, Sullivan and Merrimack Counties. The UVLSRPC assists with inter-municipal planning, liaison services between local and state/federal agencies, and provides assistance on development, public health, and environmental issues.

In 2017 UVLSRPC welcomed new Executive Director Steven Schneider, and said goodbye to Interim Director Jonathan Edwards. We appreciated Jonathan's contributions, and we do miss him.

Throughout the year, UVLSRPC:

- Responded to more than 150 requests from our towns and cities for technical assistance.
- Provided Household Hazardous Waste Collections that served approximately 1,000 households.
- Worked with Sullivan County on developing an Economic Development Profile.
- Established a regional Brownfields identification, assessment and remediation planning program.
- Trained local staff about environmentally responsible transfer station practices.
- Conducted 11 school chemical site evaluations.
- Assisted school districts with green cleaning practices.
- Assisted communities in updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans and Local Emergency Operations Plans.
- Worked on, and helped to develop, the 2019-2028 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.
- Helped to identify transit and paratransit issues in Sullivan County to restore needed mobility services, and to coordinate planning for improved public and human services transportation.
- Conducted more than 110 traffic counts across the region.
- Helped Claremont with digitizing their stormwater system to create a distinct GIS layer.
- Assisted Lebanon, Hanover and Advance Transit with public transit signal prioritization analysis.
- Assisted Enfield Shaker Village and Lake Sunapee Scenic Byway committees.
- Provided Circuit Rider planning staff assistance to Orford, Springfield, Claremont, Wilmot and New London.
- Assisted on the Wilmot Master Plan with the completion of the Community Survey.
- Assisted on the Unity Master Plan.
- Helped Planning Boards to evaluate Projects of Regional Impact.
- Provided administrative and staffing assistance to the Connecticut River Joint Commissions.

Our goals for 2018 include developing a comprehensive regional housing needs assessment, facilitating workforce development training, helping our region become age-friendly, and establishing a non-profit to support regional planning efforts.

Please contact us at (603) 448-1680 or [sschneider@uvlsrpc.org](mailto:sschneider@uvlsrpc.org) to share your thoughts and suggestions. It is a pleasure to serve the municipalities of this region. Thank you for your support over the decades.

*Steven Schneider*  
*Executive Director*

## Veterans Memorial Committee

The Newbury Veterans Committee fulfilled its mission once again this year. Our principal objective continues to be bringing a note of patriotism to the Town through Memorial Day and Veterans Day events. Both holidays were celebrated solemnly at the Veterans Memorial and the ceremonies were followed by gatherings at Veterans Hall. We had a pancake and sausage breakfast for Memorial Day and a chowder and chili luncheon for Veterans Day. The events were joyous and helped bond the community with over 200 residents and dozens of children participating. The Veterans Committee thanks everyone who contributed to the events. We especially thank the Veterans Associates for both the food preparation and decorations, the Town of Newbury for the electrical improvements, Bubba's Bar & Grille, Millstone at 74 Main, and the Flying Goose Brew Pub and Grille for their financial support.

The Veterans Committee also led the South Newbury July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, co-sponsored by the Women of the Greatest Generation program. We had a booth at Newbury's Old Home Day, represented Newbury at several area-wide Veterans events, installed new bricks and pavers at the Memorial, and serviced the Town's blue barrel for the retirement of United States flags. At the same time, members of the Veterans Committee helped maintain the Veterans Memorial and the Veterans Hall. Of particular note was the installation of a Veterans Memorial sign, a flag pole on the grounds in front of Veterans Hall, and the addition of U.S. service flags around the meeting room.

On a sad note, we acknowledge the passing of Bob Morris, a Veteran of the U.S. Navy's submarine service. Bob was a founder of the Newbury Veterans Committee and one of its staunchest supporters. Thanks to Bob's efforts, the Veterans Committee is instrumental in inviting other Newbury Veterans to join with us in our work for the Town.

For more information, please contact Bruce at [brbcab40@yahoo.com](mailto:brbcab40@yahoo.com).

*Bruce Barton  
Chair*



*Bill Krummel laying the wreath on  
Veteran's Day.  
Photo Courtesy Maureen Rosen*

**TOWN OF NEWBURY, NH**  
**Annual Town Meeting**  
**March 14, 2017**

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The ballot boxes were examined and confirmed to be empty.

**ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year and to vote on amendments to the existing zoning ordinance.**

Voting on Article 1 began.

The business portion of the meeting recessed until Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Sunapee Spruce Lodge.

**Business Meeting - Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

The business meeting opened with Selectman Thorson leading the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

After introductions, Moderator Marashio read the results of the March 14, 2017 Town Election. Since one of the towns in the Kearsarge School District postponed their election due to inclement weather, Moderator Marashio withheld announcing the results of the School Ballot.

Selectman - 3 Years  
Ed Thorson – 90

Treasurer - 3 Years  
Jennifer Goin – 96

Trustee of Trust Funds - 3 Years  
Multiple Write-Ins

Library Trustee - 3 Years  
Patricia Sherman – 88

Library Trustee - 2 Years  
Melissa Meade – 96

Supervisor of the Checklist - 6 Years  
Suzanne Russell – 96

Cemetery Trustee - 3 Years  
Deane B. Geddes – 96

Planning Board - 3 Years  
J. Ron Williams – 91

Planning Board - 1 Year  
Deane B. Geddes – 95

Zoning Board of Adjustment - 3 Years  
David A. Blohm – 95

Zoning Board of Adjustment - 2 Years  
Multiple Write-Ins

Planning Board Amendment No. 1  
Yes – 82      No – 13

Planning Board Amendment No. 2  
Yes – 83      No – 11

School Moderator - 1 Year  
TBA

School Ballot Question 1  
TBA

School Ballot Question 2  
TBA

School Ballot Question 3  
TBA

School Ballot Question 4  
TBA

**Selectman Smith made a motion to approve the Town Meeting Minutes of March 2016. Motion was seconded.** No discussion.

**VOTE: All in favor.**

Selectman Thorson thanked the Newbury Beautification Committee for all their hard work and a delicious Ham & Bean dinner prior to the meeting. He also thanked the department heads of the Town for keeping their budgets reasonable.

Selectman Nowell read a proclamation in honor of Martha VonRedlich for her more than 20 years of hard work and dedication to the Town of Newbury.

Selectman Thorson read a proclamation in honor of Claire Vannatta for her many years of dedication as a volunteer on various committees for the Town of Newbury.

Selectman Smith read and presented a proclamation in honor of Nancy Marashio for her many years of service and dedication as a volunteer on various committees and organizations for the Town of Newbury.

Selectman Thorson read a proclamation in honor of Steve Winter for his years of service and advisement as a Parliamentarian to the Town of Newbury.

Moderator Marashio reviewed the rules of the meeting. The goal of New Hampshire town meetings is to encourage neighbors to debate-respectfully-the issues brought before the voters and to determine answers. Two kinds of rules govern town meeting.

The first is New Hampshire State laws. State law determines that, at Town Meeting, the Moderator controls speech and silence. State law RSA 39:2 obliges us to assure that “the subject matter of all business to be acted upon at the town meeting shall be distinctly stated in the warrant.” On Article 12 we can discuss “other business,” and state law does not allow official voting on that “other business.” It is also state law, RSA 40; 4, that gives your Moderator full authority to rule on all Town Meeting issues. All participants, including the Moderator, must follow state laws. RSA 40:4 does allow the meeting to overrule any Moderator ruling, making the voters the final authority.

The second kind of rules are Moderator rules. Every individual who wishes to be heard should feel free to speak. After recognition by the Moderator, please state your name and address for the record. Any amendments to any article require a written copy of the amendment. Votes will generally be cast by raising your voter card. The Moderator will model that for the voter, but Moderator Marashio will not officially vote, so there will be no question of neutrality. Once a vote has been cast and declared, the issue will not be reconsidered later in the meeting; once an article is decided, it is decided. No voter leaving the meeting should have to wonder if decisions will be changed. The motion to call the question is a motion like any other. The maker of the motion must come to the microphone to be recognized, and the motion must be seconded.

**Motion was made and seconded to adopt the rules as read.** No discussion followed.

**VOTE: All in favor. Rules were adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,910,177 for general operations:**

<b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Executive</b>	\$215,985	\$ 8,526	\$ 224,511
<b>Elections</b>	10,992	-5,521	5,471
<b>Financial Admin</b>	551,681	39,826	591,507
<b>Legal Expenses</b>	23,000	0	23,000
<b>Personnel Admin</b>	5,200	0	5,200
<b>Planning</b>	87,922	-18,652	69,270
<b>Zoning</b>	17,660	561	18,221
<b>General Gov't Bldg.</b>	66,165	1,720	67,885

Cemeteries	23,875	150	24,025
Insurance	79,013	4,500	83,513
Other Gen'l Gov't	14,000	-500	13,500
Police Dept	501,182	18,634	519,816
Fire Dept	210,444	4,339	214,783
Forest Fire	1,080	12	1,092
Code Enforcement	42,677	-1,507	41,170
Emergency Mgt	6,917	0	6,917
Hwy Maintenance	697,574	24,680	722,254
Hwy Reconstruction	225,000	0	225,000
Street Lighting	13,000	-6,000	7,000
Transfer Station	310,073	10,638	320,711
Health Agencies	51,362	15,070	66,432
Welfare	22,769	500	23,269
Information Booth	7,195	375	7,570
Parks and Rec	108,218	1,862	110,080
Library	174,524	23,880	198,404
Conservation Com	3,457	6	3,463
Historical Society	1,000	0	1,000
Tax Anticipation	100	0	100
Sew Department	276,318	3,643	279,961
Bond/Note Principal	0	0	0
Bond/Note Interest	0	0	0
Safety Communication	36,353	-1,301	35,052
Capital Outlay	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,784,736</b>	<b>\$125,441</b>	<b>\$3,910,177</b>

**Motion to adopt Article 2 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed.

The Budget was reviewed line by line. Department heads addressed each line of their respective budgets.

Albert Bachelder asked if the amounts listed in the 2016 column are the actual expenditures or are the amounts budget proposals.

Mr. Pavlicek stated the amounts are the actual expenditures in 2016.

Laura Sevene asked what happens to budget surplus.

Mr. Pavlicek explained that budget surplus goes into an "undesignated fund balance" account per State law. Anything that is spent has to have an appropriation.

**VOTE: All in favor.**

**ARTILCE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$211,000 to be placed in the following previously established capital reserve funds: (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectboard).**

<b>FIRE EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>RECREATIONAL FACILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 11,000</b>

**Motion to adopt Article 3 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed.

Selectman Thorson explained that this article appears every year to place money in a fund to replace higher priced items as they become necessary.

Wayne Seaholm asked why the Town is not putting money into the capital reserve fund to help offset the cost of new police cruisers.

Selectman Thorson explained that the Town is no longer participating in the lease program, so the cost of the vehicle is no longer in the Police operating budget. The trade-in values were low under the lease program. It is better financially to purchase than lease.

Selectman Nowell further explained that the old police cruiser is going to auction and the town expects to get a good trade-in price since the cruiser is well maintained.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 3 was adopted as read.**

**ARTILCE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established: (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectboard)**

<b>DOCKS</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>
<b>TOWN BUILDINGS</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>MILFOIL CONTROL</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>FD PERSONAL PROTECTION</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>PAVING</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

**Motion to adopt Article 4 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed.

Selectman Smith explained that this article appears every year. The funds in these trust funds may also be used in case the Town needs to do some emergency work.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 4 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,952 for the purchase of a 2017 Police ford Explorer utility interceptor and furthermore to offset this amount by trading in or selling by public auction, minimum expected \$4,000, the existing Police 2011 Ford Taurus. The balance to be raised by general taxation. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectboard)**

**Motion to adopt Article 5 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed.

Police Chief Lee explained that the oldest sedan is proposed to be replaced with a utility vehicle, which should be more suitable during the winter months. The maintenance and mileage costs are almost the same as the sedan, plus the utility vehicle will have more storage room. The cost includes all of the detailing - radios, lights, etc.

Ivor Freeman asked if the Town was going to purchase a new cruiser every year.

Chief Lee explained that the replacement of vehicles is based upon mileage, not age.

Selectman Thorson added that the Selectboard asked the Police Chief to let them know when the cruiser(s) are getting close to 90,000 miles. In order to get maximum trade-in allowance, the Selectboard plans to trade the vehicles between 60,000 and 90,000 miles.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 5 was adopted as read.**

**ARTILCE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800 to be added to the Cemetery maintenance Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectboard)**

**Motion to adopt Article 6 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed.

Mr. Pavlicek explained that this article appears every year. These funds are equal to the funds received during the year from the sale of cemetery lots.

**VOTE: All in favor. Article 6 was adopted as read.**

**ARTILCE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,125 for repairs and renovations to the second and third bridges on Mountain Road. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectboard)**

**Motion to adopt Article 7 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed.

Calvin Prussman, Highway Administrator, explained that the second and third bridges on Mountain Road are in need of repair for safety. Replacement of rails and concrete are necessary.

The bridges will not be widened. However, the rail replacement on the second bridge will be a fascia rail mount so it may seem wider, but the decking will be the same.

**VOTE: All in favor. Article 7 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to fund a facilitator to guide discussion amongst the residents in the community for new safety services facilities. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectboard)**

**Motion to adopt Article 8 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed.

Selectman Nowell explained that the purpose of this article is to hire a facilitator to help guide discussions for a safety services building. There needs to be a collaboration between the safety services needs and the residents. She commented that for several years, the need for an improved safety services building has been researched and discussed and a plan that meets the needs and budget has not been found. The residents, as well as department heads, need to participate in the discussions in order to find a solution. Since previous attempts have not been successful, the Selectboard feels a professional facilitator would be helpful to lead the discussions and help the process move forward more smoothly. The goal is to build a safety services building that meets the needs on a budget acceptable by the town's people.

Dick Wright commented that there are enough talented people in Town that could do that job. The article as written has no completion.

**Mr. Wright made a motion to amend Article 8 to read: To see if the Town will vote to authorize a volunteer citizen's committee to study the town's safety services facilities future needs and to report their findings at the next town meeting. Motion was seconded.**

Discussion followed.

Barbara Freeman commented that essentially this is what we had last year. Although the public was invited to come to the meetings, not many came. Sometimes an outside company is better because it is seen as independent and impartial and more people will become involved.

Ms. Sevene commented that the center of Town is getting too congested. If the a safety services building is developed on the Bald Sunapee property, the vendors who participate at Old Home Day will not have a place to set up, the proximity to the playground is too close. She suggested the old Perkins Store site at the Mt. Sunapee traffic circle for consideration. She suggested not using the same company as was used for the Town Center discussions because they will come in with pre-notions of what the Town wants.

Bob Wilkonski commented that he went to the Safety Services Building development meetings last year and it seemed very one-sided. The meetings were short and scheduled at times not convenient for working people. There was little input received from the citizens present at the meeting. He stated that he is in favor of Mr. Wright's amendment.

Katheryn Holmes commented that a facilitator could be a valuable commodity. In groups of very important decisions, a facilitator is neutral and can stimulate conversations and ideas. Communication did not happen last year. Also, a facilitator can help with education and getting ideas out. She stated that she is in favor of hiring a facilitator.

Bev Wolf commented that this is an emotional issue and many people have spent a lot of time trying to put together a proposal. The Town turned it down. To do the same thing again would be a waste of time. A facilitator will know how to be neutral and unbiased. She stated that it is important to support an outside facilitator.

Selectman Thorson commented that just listening to the discussion this evening convinces him even more that a facilitator is necessary. The Selectboard is trying to be as open and transparent as possible. He stated that he is not in favor of the amendment.

David Rosso asked if a facilitator is hired, how long will the residents have access to the discussion phase.

Selectman Nowell explained that the Selectboard would like to see an open house of the existing Safety Services Building in the early summer followed by a community forum, and on-line survey, interactive activities, another forum in late summer, followed by the findings presented to the Selectboard. If the project moves forward, it will come to the Town Meeting 2018 for a vote.

Mr. Rosso asked how will the citizens know what's happening when the facilitator comes along.

Mr. Wright commented that he is familiar with the facilitator the Selectboard has in mind, and if the Town votes to have a facilitator, that person is an excellent choice. However, he is concerned with too much weight given to survey results, since they tend to be very low. The majority of people are seldom responsive to surveys. Surveys lack the melding of ideas and often direct responses by way of how a question is worded. People need to come together and there needs to be a responsibility to report back. Mr. Wright stated that he would withdraw his motion if the Selectboard guarantees that the committee will report back their findings.

On behalf of the Selectboard, Selectman Nowell stated that the Selectboard definitely commits that the committee will report back to the Town Meeting next year.

**Mr. Wright withdrew his motion. Second was withdrawn.** Discussion continued on Article 8 as written in the warrant.

Mr. Seaholm asked what would happen to the old fire station, which is a big consideration to the decision as to whether or not a new one is approved.

Patricia Sherman commented that she was on the Safety Services Committee and is painfully aware that there was very little personal input from the Fire and Police personnel.

Henry Thomas, Fire Chief, commented that he was at all of the meetings, but he was there as a private citizen because he was not asked to be present as Fire Chief.

Mr. Bachelder readdressed the question 'What happens if we don't do anything?' No response.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 8 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to hire an architect to consider a building expansion for the library. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectboard)**

**Motion to adopt Article 9 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed.

Lynne Tuohy, Chair of the Library Trustees, explained that the Library is in need of additional space for activities and programs. Many of the activities and programs are held in the Veteran's Hall across the street due to the lack of room in the Library. This article represents "seed money" and the remainder will be raised by fundraising.

Mr. Wright commented that he is not against helping to fund the Library, but he feels the Town should make the Safety Services Building a priority. He stated that he would like to know the costs before he votes to approve the article, and the fundraising should be done before the Town pays the money out.

Dan Wolf commented that the Town should look at the history of the library expansions. In the past, the library came to the town for funding and came back the following year with a plan and then paid for half out of fundraising. The Library can't know the price until there is a plan, and then the plan can be costed out.

Mr. Rosso commented that he doesn't visit the library very often, but it is a wonderful place. He stated he is in favor of the article.

Susan Clark commented that she feels very much at home at the library. She goes to many of their functions which have to work around the children's programs and schedules. There is a great need for space. The digital age is great, but interaction with other people is better.

Ms. Tuohy also explained that Leah, head librarian, worked an agreement out with the school to have the school bus pull into the parking lot to drop off the after school program children so they do not have to cross Route 103.

Ken Tentarelli commented that there are not many teenagers in the programs because there are no facilities for them. If there is more arts and crafts space in the library for bigger projects and storage, the programs can expand and catch the interest of teens.

Laurie Seaholm suggested if the police department was available to assist in crossing children across Route 103 to the Veteran's Hall, that might mitigate the safety issue.

Ms. Tuohy agreed that it would help, but the overseers of the Veteran's Hall don't appreciate the messy projects that accompany the children. And, the police cannot be counted on for crosswalk duty if there is an emergency call.

Michael Gregory commented that his daughter is one of the children who enjoys the great activities at the library. As a parent, he commented that the library is invaluable.

Simone Gregory commented that she enjoys going to the library after school.

Cindy Peterson asked how far the plan for expansion has gone at this point.

Ms. Tuohy explained that the trustees have visited other libraries and gotten data on architectural costs. They would like to hold focus groups, survey inputs, design development input, and blue prints that can be used to approach donors. What doesn't get used of the proposed \$50,000 will go back to the Town.

Ms. Peterson asked what is the ball park figure of the expansion.

Ms. Tuohy said in their own discussions, the estimate is \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 tops. The property is already owned and energy efficiency approaches would actually lower costs. The library would be raising \$400,000 - \$500,000, and the town would be asked to contribute the same. Steps have already been taken to form a foundation to be able accept donations.

Michael Moss commented that one cannot put a price tag on future literacy. We need to do this as a community. The library is also an arm of the school system, the after school and homework assistance programs are a great resource.

Mr. Seaholm suggested a light at the crosswalk for safety for any and all uses of the Veteran's Hall in the future. He commented that it is his observation that the library meets its commitments on time and accurately.

Selectman Thorson advised that the Town does not have authority to put lights at the crosswalk to the Veteran's Hall because it is on a State Highway.

**VOTE: All in favor. Article 9 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to require preliminary review of "Site Plans" in accordance with RSA 674:43-I, and to make it the duty of the Town Clerk to file a Certificate of Notice with the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds showing the date the Planning Board has been authorized in accordance with the RSA 674:43-II.**

**Motion to adopt Article 10 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed.

Deane Geddes, Planning Board Member, explained that this article would facilitate advance notice to the public and safety services of proposed site development for commercial purposes. This is for preliminary plans so that the applicant does not incur excessive costs for naught.

**VOTE: All in favor. Article 10 was adopted as read.**

**Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to grant an easement to South Newbury Union Church for the sum of \$1.00 and authorize the Selectboard to enter into this agreement. The easement will be for parking only and is located on Map/Lot #043-408-162. The easement will be two portions of land approximately 8,780 square feet. The first portion is 3,180 square feet and is located at the north corner of the lot near the intersection of Village and Sutton Road. The second portion is 5,600 square feet and is located east of the east border of the South Newbury Union Church.**

**Motion to adopt Article 11 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed.

David Keller, Pastor of the South Newbury Union Church, explained that this article would provide an increased use of the buildings for more useful relations with the community. The members of the church are beginning a capital campaign to help with funding to restore and preserve the buildings. The site has been given approved State Historic Designation. Currently, the South Newbury Union Church oversees the Holiday Baskets and the Giving Tree and wants to do more. The Church and the Friendship House are currently 120 feet apart and are in need of repair and renovation.

**Gail Bostic made a motion to amend Article 9 to read: To see if the town will vote to grant an easement to South Newbury Union Church for the sum of \$1.00 and to authorize the Selectboard to enter into this agreement. The easement may be used for parking, travel, utility, maintenance, water and sewer easement and is located on Map/Lot #043-408-162. The easement will be two portions of land approximately 10,890 square feet or 1/2 acre. The first portion is 3,180 feet and is located at the north corner of the lot near the intersection of Village and Sutton Road. The second portion is located on the east border of South Newbury Union Church. Motion was seconded.** No discussion followed.

**VOTE on Amendment to Article 11: All in favor. Article 11 was amended.** Discussion on Article 11, as amended, followed.

Barbara Freeman asked why the article was amended.

Jim Bruss, contractor, explained that originally the designer was not aware of the needs of the site which forced larger setbacks.

Liz Tentarelli asked if the South Newbury Union Church would be coming back to the town at a later date to help fund the project.

Pastor Keller explained that the Church is undertaking a capital drive to fund the project. There is no intent to ask the Town for money.

Selectman Thorson stated that the Town cannot enter into an agreement with the Church because of the Separation of Church and State. The Town would only be selling an easement.

Mr. Bachelder asked if the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment have looked at the plans.

Mr. Bruss explained that neither Board has looked at the plans because the plans have not yet been drawn up. They could not be put to paper until the parameters were known.

Pastor Keller pointed out that this warrant article is only asking to give the Selectboard authority to enter into an agreement. It is not actually entering into an agreement tonight. Before any agreements are made, the Church will be presenting its plans to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment as required.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 11 was adopted as amended.**

**ARTICLE 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.**

Mr. Wright commented that there are some discrepancies in the Town Inventory on Page 23. Some of the town-owned properties are missing.

Mr. Pavlicek stated that some of the lots were combined for financial reasons.

Mr. Wright stated that the properties should still be listed in the inventory whether combined or not.

Bev Wolf thanked the people involved in preparing the Town Report.

Mr. Bachelder commented that every year, there is a lot of work put into the Capital Improvements Program. He asked if the CIP could be included as part of the data to round out the budget process so show how it all melds together.

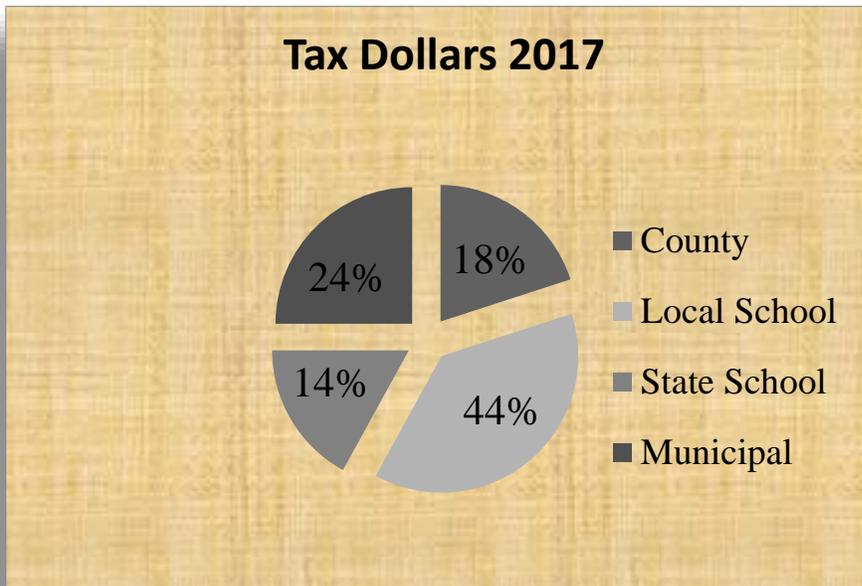
Moderator Marashio dissolved the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

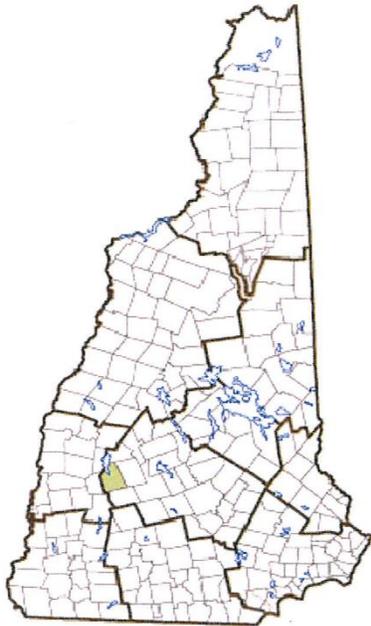
Linda Plunkett  
Town Clerk

### Your Tax Dollars 2017

<b>County</b>	\$2.83	18%
<b>Local School</b>	\$6.83	44%
<b>State School</b>	\$2.24	14%
<b>Municipal</b>	\$3.81	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15.71</b>	<b>100%</b>



# Newbury, NH



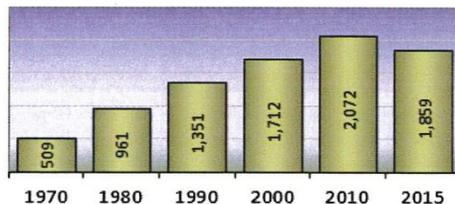
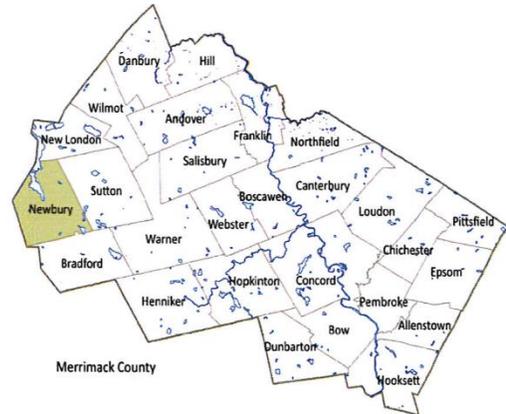
Community Contact	<b>Town of Newbury</b> Dennis J. Pavlicek, Town Administrator PO Box 296 Newbury, NH 03255
Telephone	(603) 763-4940
Fax	(603) 763-5298
E-mail	townadmin@newburynh.org
Web Site	www.newburynh.org/
Municipal Office Hours	<b>Selectmen: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 am - 12 noon;</b> <b>Town Clerk: Monday, 1 pm - 7 pm, Tuesday through Friday,</b> <b>8 am - 4 pm</b>
County	<b>Merrimack</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>New London, NH LMA</b>
Tourism Region	<b>Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee</b>
Planning Commission	<b>Upper Valley Lake Sunapee</b>
Regional Development	<b>Capital Regional Development Council</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 2</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 2</b>
State Senate	<b>District 8</b>
State Representative	<b>Merrimack County District 5</b>

**Incorporated: 1778**

**Origin:** Situated at the south end of Lake Sunapee, this town has had many names. The original grant by the Masonian Proprietors in 1753 named it Dantzig, after the Baltic seaport. A separate grant on adjoining land, the first provincial grant in 1754, was called Hereford, in honor of Edward Devereaux, Viscount Hereford. The grant was renewed in 1772 as Fishersfield, after Governor John Wentworth's brother-in-law John Fisher, and included both the Dantzig and Hereford grants. Fishersfield was incorporated in 1778 upon request of residents. The name was changed to Newbury in 1837, as suggested by settlers originally from Newbury, Massachusetts.

**Villages and Place Names:** Blodgett Landing, Edgemont, Mount Sunapee, Pine Cliff, South Newbury, Box Corner, Chalk Pond

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 331 residents in 1790



**Population Trends:** Population change for Newbury totaled 1,517 over 55 years, from 342 in 1960 to 1,859 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was an 89 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, following a 49 percent increase between 1960 and 1970. The 2015 Census estimate for Newbury was 1,859 residents, which ranked 143rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau):** 51.9 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Bridgewater. Newbury contains 35.8 square miles of land area and 2.3 square miles of inland water area.

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, October 2017. Community Response Received 6/02/2017

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<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>		
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017	<b>\$4,396,054</b>	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	<b>\$6,788,191</b>	
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1958/16</b>	
Master Plan	<b>2017</b>	
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>	

Boards and Commissions  
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds**  
 Appointed: **Conservation; Recreation**

Public Library **Newbury Public**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>	
Fire Department	<b>Part-time</b>	
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Part-time</b>	

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>New London Hospital, New London</b>	<b>8 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>		
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>	
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>	
Water Supplier	<b>Chalk Pond; private wells</b>	
Sanitation	<b>Private septic &amp; municipal</b>	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Limited</b>	
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>None</b>	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>No</b>	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>	
Recycling Program	<b>Voluntary</b>	
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint; TDS Telecom</b>	
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>	
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>	
Public Access Television Station	<b>Yes</b>	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Yes</b>
	Residential	<b>Yes</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$16.05</b>	
2016 Equalization Ratio	<b>99.1</b>	
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$15.86</b>	
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>95.2%</b>	
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>4.1%</b>	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>.7%</b>	

<b>HOUSING</b>		<i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>
Total Housing Units	<b>1,632</b>	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>1,567</b>	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>53</b>	
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>0</b>	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>12</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>			<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County	
2015	<b>1,859</b>	<b>147,262</b>	
2010	<b>2,072</b>	<b>146,445</b>	
2000	<b>1,712</b>	<b>136,716</b>	
1990	<b>1,351</b>	<b>120,618</b>	
1980	<b>961</b>	<b>98,302</b>	
1970	<b>509</b>	<b>80,925</b>	

**Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015**

Population by Gender		
Male	<b>992</b>	Female <b>867</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>53</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>278</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>150</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>522</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>374</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>482</b>
Median Age	<b>53.2 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>95.8%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>48.1%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		<i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>
Per capita income	<b>\$43,783</b>	
Median family income	<b>\$86,848</b>	
Median household income	<b>\$80,795</b>	

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	<b>\$67,917</b>
Female	<b>\$44,875</b>

Individuals below the poverty level	<b>4.6%</b>
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<b>LABOR FORCE</b>			<i>(NHES – ELM)</i>
Annual Average	2006	2016	
Civilian labor force	<b>1,181</b>	<b>1,138</b>	
Employed	<b>1,154</b>	<b>1,110</b>	
Unemployed	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>			<i>(NHES – ELM)</i>
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>21</b>	<b>174</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 573</b>	<b>\$1,084</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>476</b>	<b>2,339</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 338</b>	<b>\$ 883</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>496</b>	<b>2,513</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 348</b>	<b>\$ 897</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>47</b>	<b>232</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 544</b>	<b>\$ 752</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>543</b>	<b>2,745</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 365</b>	<b>\$ 885</b>	

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Kearsarge Regional (Bradford, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, Wilmot)** District: **SAU 65**

Career Technology Center(s): **Concord Regional Technical Center** Region: **11**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) Elementary Middle/Junior High High School Private/Parochial

Number of Schools  
Grade Levels  
Total Enrollment

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Colby-Sawyer; Northeast Catholic College**

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Best Western Sunapee Lake Lodge	Motel	25	2000
Mount Sunapee Resort	Recreation area		1947
Baker Hill Golf Club	Golf Course		2002

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

Road Access US Routes  
State Routes **103, 103A, 103B**

Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-89, Exits 12 - 12A**  
Distance **8 miles; 10 miles**

Railroad **No**

Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation  
**Parlin Field, Newport** Runway **3,450 ft. asphalt**  
Lighted? **No** Navigation Aids? **No**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service  
**Lebanon Municipal** Distance **34 miles**  
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **1**

Driving distance to select cities:  
Manchester, NH **39 miles**  
Portland, Maine **131 miles**  
Boston, Mass. **89 miles**  
New York City, NY **267 miles**  
Montreal, Quebec **228 miles**

**COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2011-2015)**

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>82.8%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>7.0%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.8%</b>
Other means	<b>1.3%</b>
Worked at home	<b>8.0%</b>

Mean Travel Time to Work **29.8 minutes**

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015**

Working in community of residence	<b>25.1</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>69.4</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>5.5</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

**X** Municipal Parks  
YMCA/YWCA  
Boys Club/Girls Club

**X** Golf Courses

**X** Swimming: Indoor Facility

**X** Swimming: Outdoor Facility

Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility

**X** Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility

Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility

Bowling Facilities

**X** Museums

Cinemas

Performing Arts Facilities

**X** Tourist Attractions

**X** Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)

Youth Sports: Baseball

**X** Youth Sports: Soccer

Youth Sports: Football

**X** Youth Sports: Basketball

Youth Sports: Hockey

**X** Campgrounds

**X** Fishing/Hunting

**X** Boating/Marinas

**X** Snowmobile Trails

**X** Bicycle Trails

**X** Cross Country Skiing

**X** Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area

**X** Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Mount Sunapee**Other: **Fells Historic Site; Stoney Brook Sanctuary; NH Craftsman Fair; Newbury Old Home Day**

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RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

01/01/2017-12/31/2017

--NEWBURY--

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
LEBLANC, EVA MARIE	02/25/2017	LEBANON,NH	LEBLANC, TODD	LEBLANC, NICOLE
MERRILL, MARY EVELYN	04/21/2017	LEBANON,NH	MERRILL, JUSTIN	MERRILL, ELISE
MACMICHAEL, OWEN DOUGLAS	05/02/2017	LEBANON,NH	MACMICHAEL, SCOTT	MACMICHAEL, SHANNON
VANGYZEN, ZACHARY JAMES	06/14/2017	LEBANON,NH	VANGYZEN JR, JAMES	VANGYZEN, MALLORY
HARWOOD, BARRETT JAMES	09/12/2017	CONCORD,NH	HARWOOD, BRADY	HARWOOD, ADDY
ALKATHIRI, THEO CARTER	09/23/2017	LEBANON,NH	ALKATHIRI, JOSEPH	ALKATHIRI, KRISTI
LYTLE, THOMAS BAXTER	10/10/2017	CONCORD,NH	LYTLE, DEREK	GALLAGHER, SHEA

Total number of records 7

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RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2017 - 12/31/2017

-- NEWBURY --

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
WESOJA, EDDIEMORE A NEWBURY, NH	FANTASIA, TONI M NEWBURY, NH	NEWBURY	NEWBURY	06/03/2017
RANKINS, SCOTT C NEWBURY, NH	PERREAULT, CASEY D NEW LONDON, NH	NEW LONDON	WATERVILLE VALLEY	06/10/2017
ROBINSON, KAITLINE NEWBURY, NH	WALLACE, MICHAEL A NEWBURY, NH	NEWBURY	NEW LONDON	07/08/2017
AMES, KENNETH J NEWBURY, NH	DAVIS, SANDRA S WARNER, NH	WARNER	WARNER	07/15/2017
GUCWA, LESLIE G NEWBURY, NH	WHITELEY, JOAN S NEWBURY, NH	NEWBURY	NEWBURY	07/25/2017
NELSON, HANNAH M NEWBURY, NH	FORTIN, JAMES R ARLINGTON, VA	NEWPORT	NEWPORT	08/19/2017
DYCHE, CHRISTOPHER A CONCORD, NH	PERKINS, JAMIE L NEWBURY, NH	NEWBURY	CLAREMONT	09/23/2017
HARABURDA, KEITH A NEWBURY, NH	DIMAURO, ASHLEY A NEWBURY, NH	NEWBURY	BRADFORD	09/30/2017
TRAEGER, JACOB A NEWBURY, NH	URBANO, NATALIA NEWBURY, NH	NEWBURY	WILMOT	12/09/2017

Total number of records 9

01/11/2018



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RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2017 - 12/31/2017

--NEWBURY, NH --

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
WIGGINS, DOROTHY	01/20/2017	NEWBURY	COLBY, RUSSELL	TURNER, LUCY	N
D'ANGELI, FRANCES	04/06/2017	LEBANON	D'ANGELI, FRANCIS	PARK, CLAIRE	N
LACLAIR, CAROLYN	06/23/2017	NEWBURY	HALL, CARLTON	SHAW, GRACE	N
MCLAUGHLIN, LINDA	07/14/2017	NEWBURY	DEVAULT SR, WARREN	EARLEY, GERALDINE	N
HURD, DONALD	08/31/2017	NEW LONDON	HURD, WILLIAM	KAULBACK, SHIRLEY	N
PETERSON, GERALD	10/31/2017	NEWBURY	PETERSON, SIGURD	MCMENEMEY, ALICE	Y
SAVAGE, SLAVICA	11/25/2017	NEWBURY	NAJDANOV, MILADIN	DELCEV, CVETANA	N
ELDERD, GEORGE	12/10/2017	NEWBURY	ELDERD, JOHN	POWERS, DOROTHY	N

Total number of records 8

## Newbury Service Directory

### ALL EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911

After calling for Emergency help, please turn on all outside lights both during the day and at night to aid in locating your residence. If possible, have someone outdoors to meet the responding units.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** (non-emergency).....763-4403  
**POLICE STATION** (non-emergency).....763-4104  
**POLICE DISPATCH**.....763-2221

### Selectboard's Office 763-4940 ext. 202

*Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 12-Noon*

Selectboard meet every two weeks  
on a rotating schedule of  
Monday nights at 6:00 p.m.  
at the Town Office.  
See posted meeting schedules for dates.  
Fax: 763-5298  
[www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org)  
E-mail: [townadmin@newburynh.org](mailto:townadmin@newburynh.org)

### Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office 763-5326

*Monday: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*  
*Tuesday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*  
*(Closed from 12-Noon – 1:00 p.m.)*

### Code Enforcement Officer 763-4940 ext. 203

*Appointments Recommended*

*Monday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*  
*Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

### Library 763-5803

*Sunday: 12-Noon – 5:00 p.m.*  
*Monday: 12-Noon – 8:00 p.m.*  
*Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.*  
*Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

**Transfer Station**  
**763-2289**

*Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.*  
*Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

**Land Use and Assessing Coordinator**  
**763-4940 ext. 201**

*Call for Zoning and Planning Board information.*

Planning Board meets at 7:00 p.m.  
on the third Tuesday of the month at the  
Town Office.  
Zoning Board meets on an “as needed” basis  
on the second Monday of the month at the  
Town Office.

**Forest Fire Warden: Dave Smith .....938-5925**

**Town Highway Department .....938-5494**



*Animal families in Town.  
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*



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**603-763-4940**